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EXTRA SESSION.

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Saturday, August 20, 1831.

First Branch.

The First Branch of the City Council met this day in pursuance of a summons from the Mayor. Present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs. Meeteer, Baer and Dushane.

On motion by Mr. Ridgely, a message was sent to the Second Branch, proposing with their concurrence the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the Mayor to inform him the Council is in session and ready to receive any communication he may have to make, and appointing on the part of this branch Messrs. Ridgely and Hanson—the Second Branch appointed Mr. Laurenson, and informed this branch by message.

The following communication was received from the Mayor:

BALTIMORE, August 20, 1831.

Gentlemen of the First and
Second Branches of the City Council:

I have been induced to convene you at this time, from the solicitation of a convention of our fellow-citizens, who are desirous of effectually preventing dogs going at large in our City, during the warm season of the year.

By reference to the existing ordinances upon that subject, you will perceive that all the power that has been delegated to me, has been exerted; and yet the evil is not eradicated.

I would therefore recommend to your consideration, the passage of such an ordinance, as you in your wisdom may deem expedient, authorising the compensating of persons for enforcing the proclamation and destroying dogs found running at large during the time they are prohibited, and that a sufficient sum be appropriated to be paid to such persons as may be selected for the purpose of enforcing the ordinances of the city, and proclamations, with energy and decision.

The Bailiffs are charged with the duty of enforcing the proclamations and ordinances of the city, but you are aware that they receive no compensation for that service; all their pay arises for attendance upon the different Markets, &c. and is, in my opinion inadequate

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to the duties they are required to perform. If the city expect good and efficient officers, they must compensate them liberally.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. STEUART, Mayor.

A memorial from Fredk. Shæffer and others, complaining of the number of dogs running at large, was received from the Mayor, which was read, and on motion by Mr. Hanson, a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing to refer the Mayor's communication and memorial to a joint committee, and appointing on the part of this branch Messrs. Hanson, Thomas and Williamson—The Second Branch assented, appointed Messrs. Laurenson and Reaney, and informed this branch by message.

Mr. Thomas presented the proceedings of a meeting held in the Fourth Ward relative to Dogs running at large; also a communication from Augustus Stansbury relative to a case of Hydrophobia, which were severally read, and on motion by Mr. Thomas, a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing to refer them to the joint committee already raised;—the Second Branch assented, and informed this Branch by message.

Mr. Thomas offered the following resolution, which was read a first and by special order the second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the First Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, agree to serve without compensation during the present extra session.

A resolution requiring certain information from the Health Commissioners, was received from the Second Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, dissented from, and returned to the Second Branch.

Mr. Hanson, from the committee, delivered the following report, and a bill entitled An additional supplement to the ordinance relative to Dogs, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, passed and sent to the Second Branch.

The Joint Committee to whom was referred the Mayor's communication of the 20th August, 1831, and sundry documents relative to dogs, have had the same under consideration, and take leave to report the accompanying ordinance.

WM. H. HANSON,
LAMB'T. THOMAS,
GEO. W. WILLIAMSON, } *Committee First Branch.*

P. LAURENSON,
WM. REANEY, } *Committee Second Branch.*

20th August, 1831.

Mr. Young offered the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same, endorsed concurred in.

RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That an additional sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of the diary of the sessions of the City Council.

On motion, the Branch adjourned until half past 3 o'clock on Monday.

By order,

THOS. PHENIX, *Clk.*

Monday, August 22, 1831.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment, present John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs. Meeteer, Munroe and Baer.

The following communication was received from the Mayor, which was read, and on motion by Mr. Cohen a message was sent to the Second Branch, proposing to refer it to the joint committee on Ways and Means; the Second Branch concurred, and informed this Branch by message.

BALTIMORE, August 22, 1831.

Gentlemen of the First and
Second Branches of the City Council:

Inasmuch as the Extra Session of the City Council has been extended beyond the day of your being convened, I have thought it advisable to call your attention to the fact that has heretofore been communicated through your committee of Ways and Means, viz: That there will be a considerable deficiency in the probable receipts of this year, to meet the expenditures that have been authorised by ordinances and resolutions; and to solicit you, to authorise me to obtain by loan, or otherwise, such amount as may be found indispensable to meet the engagements of the city authorities, acting under the sanction of ordinances, or resolutions.—

The Register of the City informs me that the amount appropriated for *Incidentals*, is nearly exhausted; owing to extraordinary demands. I would therefore recommend, that an additional amount should be placed to that account.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. STEUART, Mayor.

A memorial from Matthew Clark and others, was received from the Mayor, which was read, and on motion by Mr. Young, a message was sent to the Second Branch, proposing to refer it to the joint committee on Health: the Second Branch dissented, and proposed to refer it to the Board of Health, which was concurred in.

On motion by Mr. Young, a message was sent to the Second Branch, proposing, with their concurrence, that when the City Council adjourn this evening, it adjourn sine die: the Second Branch concurred, and informed this Branch by message.

The Second Branch returned the bill relative to Dogs, endorsed, "will pass, with the proposed amendments," which were read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Amendments proposed.

2nd Section, printed bill second line after the word "or," strike out "any other person," and insert, such person or persons as may be authorised by the Mayor.—Same section, 3d and 4th line, strike out "48," and insert 24.

3d Section, 2d line after the word "person," insert authorized by the Mayor, as aforesaid.—in 3d line, after the word "shall," insert on delivery, and strike out after the word "receive," in same line to the word dog, in 4th line, and insert "one dollar"—5th line, after the word dollars, strike out "for a male, and $20 for a female dog"—in the last line, same section, strike out forty-eight, and insert twenty-four.

5th Section, after the word "any," in the 3d line, insert "unmuzzled."

6th Section, 4th line, after the word "pay," strike out a sum "not exceeding," and insert the sum of $10, and at the end of the section, add, one half for the use of the informer, and the other half for the use of the city.

7th Section, strike out after the word "that," in the first line, and substitute the following:—That the sum of one thousand dollars, or so much as may be deemed necessary by the Mayor, be, and is hereby appropriated to carry this ordinance into effect; the same to be paid out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury.

Mr. Cohen from the Committee on Ways and Means delivered the following report and resolution: also, a Bill entitled, a Supplement to An Ordinance for the purposes therein mentioned; which were read a first, and by special order the second time, the Bill passed and the Resolution was concurred in, so endorsed, and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same endorsed, "the Bill will pass, and the Resolution concurred in."

The Joint Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Mayor's communication of this day, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the accompanying Bill and Resolution.

J. I. COHEN, Jr. } *Committee*
JAMES CARROLL, Jr. } *First Branch.*

F. LUCAS, Jr. } *Committee Se-*
SAMUEL MOORE, } *cond Branch:*

Baltimore, August 22d, 1831.

Resolution in aid of the Incidental Fund.

***RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore*, That an additional sum, not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the year 1831 on account of "incidentals."

On motion by Mr. Young, a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing the appointment of a Joint Committee to wait on the Mayor to inform him the Council are about to adjourn, sine die, and to enquire if he has any further communication to make; and appointing on our part Messrs. Young and Hubbard—the Second Branch appointed Mr. Laurenson.

Mr. Young having reported that the Mayor had nothing further to communicate, the Branch adjourned, *sine die.*

By order,

THOS. PHENIX, *Clk.*

EXTRA SESSION.

Monday, November 28, 1831.

First Branch.

The First Branch of the City Council met this day in pursuance of a summons from the Mayor.

The following gentlemen answered to their names and qualified by taking the oath prescribed by law:

First Ward—John H. Browning, Henry R. Lauderman.
Second Ward—John E. Stansbury, William Hubbard.
Third Ward—William H. Hanson, Thomas P. Alricks.
Fourth Ward—Elijah Stansbury.
Fifth Ward—Henry Myers, William Roney.
Sixth Ward—John B. Morris, Samuel Moale.
Seventh Ward—John I. Donaldson, Isaac Munroe.
Eighth Ward—Louis W. Jenkins, George Gardner.
Ninth Ward—Noah Ridgely, Alexander Russell.
Tenth Ward—Wm. Gwynn Jones, George Baxley.
Eleventh Ward—M'Clintock Young, Corbin Amos.
Twelfth Ward—Valentine Dushane, James Blair.

On motion by Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Russell was called to the chair.

On motion by Mr. Ridgely, the Branch proceeded to ballot for President. Messrs. Ridgely and Hubbard were appointed Tellers, when John B. Morris, Esq. was elected.

Mr. Young offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time :

RESOLVED, by the First Branch of the City Council, That the Chief Clerk of this Branch shall receive as a compensation for his services the sum of five dollars per diem.

Resolved, That the Assistant Clerk shall receive the sum of three dollars per diem.

Resolved, That the compensation of the Door Keeper shall be one dollar and fifty cents per diem.

Mr. Hubbard moved to strike out "five" in the first resolution, and insert "six," which was concurred in by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. President, Browning, Lauderman, John E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Hanson, E. Stansbury, Myers, Moale, Donaldson, Munroe, Ridgely, Russell, Blair—14.

Nays—Messrs. Alricks, Roney, Jenkins, Gardner, Jones, Baxley, Young, Amos, Dushane—9.

On motion by Mr. Donaldson, the Branch reconsidered the vote, when the resolution as originally offered was concurred in.

Thomas Phenix was then elected Chief Clerk.

Henry W. Gray, Assistant Clerk.

Arch'd Cook, Doorkeeper.

On motion by Mr. Young, a message was sent to the Second Branch, proposing the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the Mayor, to inform him the Council are organized and ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make, and appointing Messrs. Young and Hanson; the Second Branch appointed Mr. Reany, and informed this branch by message.

The following communication was received from the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Baltimore, November 28th, 1831.

Gentlemen of the First and

Second Branches of the City Council:

I have been induced to convene you at this time in consequence of the appropriation made at the last annual session, for lighting and watching the city, being found insufficient to pay the necessary and indispensable disbursements for that department of the city police.

I also find that the accounts for lighting and watching the city, have been closed on the last day of November, in each and every year. I would, therefore, respectfully suggest the expediency of making a sufficient appropriation for the remainder of this year, and hereafter have the accounts closed on the last day of December annually, for that department, as is now done for the general expenditures of the city.

I would likewise call your attention to the fact, that we have had one more election in the city this year, than usual, (viz. an election of the Senate of Maryland;) the payment of the expense of said election, requires a small additional appropriation.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

A message was received from the Second Branch proposing to refer the above to a joint committee, and appointing on their part, Messrs.

Moore and Stouffer; this branch concurred, appointed Messrs. Donaldson, Young and Hubbard, and informed the Second Branch by message.

Mr. Young offered the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time:

RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Delegates and Senator from this city in the General Assembly be, and they are hereby respectfully requested to procure the repeal of the 3d and 4th sections of the act of Assembly entitled An additional act relating to the city of Baltimore, passed December session, 1830, Chap. 139.

Resolved, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby requested to communicate this resolution to the Delegates and Senator from this city in the General Assembly.

Mr. Jones moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was concurred in by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. President, Browning, Hubbard, Alricks, Myers, Roney, Moale, Donaldson, Munroe, Jenkins, Gardner, Russell, Jones, Baxley, Amos, Dushane, Blair—17.

Nays—Messrs. Lauderman, Jno. E. Stansbury, Hanson, E. Stansbury, Ridgely, Young—6.

The President appointed Messrs. Ridgely and E. Stansbury the committee on Elections.

A bill entitled A supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance making appropriations for watching and lighting the city, was received from the Second Branch, read a first and by special order the second time, passed and returned to the Second Branch.

The President appointed Messrs. Ridgely and Myers on the Committee on Enrollment, and the Second Branch were informed by message.

A message was received from the Second Branch proposing when the City Council adjourn this evening it adjourn *sine die*—this Branch concurred, and informed the Second Branch by message.

The two branches met in convention, and after remaining a short time adjourned.

The Branch then adjourned *sine die.*

By order,

TH: PHENIX, *Clk.*

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First Branch.

MONDAY, *January 2d*, 1832.

This being the day prescribed by law, for the meeting of the City Council, the First Branch assembled in the Council Chamber at 3 o'clock, P. M. Present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs. Myers and Moale.

Mr. Benedict I. Sanders, member elect from the Fourth Ward, appeared and qualified by taking the oath prescribed by law.

On motion by Mr Hubbard, a message was sent to the Second Branch, proposing with their concurrence the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the Mayor, to inform him the Council is in session and ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make, and appointing on the part of this branch Messrs. Hubbard and Roney. The Second Branch concurred, appointed Mr. Grafton, and informed this branch by message.

On motion by Mr. Ridgely, a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing with their concurrence that the joint rules for the government of the two branches, adopted at last session, be continued in force until new rules are adopted. The Second Branch concurred and informed this branch by message.

On motion by Mr. Young, Messrs. Young, Jenkins and Ridgely were appointed a committee to prepare rules for the government of this Branch.

Mr. Young offered the following resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register be and he is hereby authorised and directed to pay to Henry Most, or order, the sum of twenty dollars, for preparing the room of the First Branch for the accommodation of the members.

A communication from Saml. Moale, Esq. was received and read, apologising for his absence from the Council, in consequence of indisposition.

The following communication was received from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

BALTIMORE, January 2nd, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First and

Second Branches of the City Council:

An all-wise Providence has afforded you another opportunity to assemble together in annual session, to take into consideration the general welfare of our city. It therefore becomes my duty, in conformity with the charter of the city, to direct your attention to such subjects as may suggest themselves to my mind requiring your attention.

The health of the city has been unusually good throughout the preceding year Notwithstanding the general vaccination that was ordered at the annual session, there have been a number of cases of small pox, owing to the continual influx of strangers to our city, and the refusal on the part of many individuals to become vaccinated, when requested by the Board of Health and Physicians. The Board has been actively and constantly engaged in endeavouring to eradicate the disease; they have not, however, been able to effect it entirely. I would therefore recommend that there should be an immediate vaccination throughout the city, under the direction of the Board of Health; and if means can be devised to induce every person not heretofore vaccinated, or inoculated, to permit the physician to vaccinate them, it would be advisable to enforce such a salutary preventive. Every physician within the city should also be required, under a penalty, to communicate to the Board of Health, within a limited period, every case of Small Pox that comes under his immediate knowledge, so that the provisions of the ordinances, providing for such cases, may be made to have their salutary influence.

In accordance with resolution No. 6, approved January 24th, 1831, I have effected an arrangement with Cumberland Dugan, Esq. for the repairs of Dugan's wharf; while the work was progressing, and after all the contracts were made for the repairs, I received the decision of the Chancellor of Maryland relative to said wharf, which is herewith submitted. It appears to me, that if the city be prohibited from collecting as much wharfage as will keep it in repair, the whole must go to ruin. The state of Maryland, as well as the city of Baltimore, is interested in the preservation of that dock, for it is in possession of from five to six hundred feet, fronting on Dugan's wharf. I would therefore recommend making application to the legislature of Maryland, for the grant of an authority to collect wharfage upon the public streets, fronting or binding on the water.

The Register of the City will hand you his summary for the past year, by which you will perceive, that although the collections have been proportionably better than they were the preceding year, yet the amount has been less, owing to the direct Tax having been reduc-

ed to 2 3-8, instead of 3 per cent, as it was in 1830. I am well aware that the cause of the reduction was the passage of a law at the last session of the Legislature of Maryland, restricting the Mayor and City Council to an amount less than their ordinary expenses, without making any provision for the magnificent Public Works the City of Baltimore is patronising. I would therefore recommend soliciting the repeal of that part of the law alluded to, believing that the city authorities of Baltimore will never increase the tax so as to render it oppressive to their fellow citizens.

The Commissioners appointed by the Executive of Maryland to extend the limits of direct taxation within the City of Baltimore, have performed the duty assigned them, and have returned to the Register of the city a plot upon which is designated the extended limits as determined by them; some provision will be necessary by the Council, to enable the collector to extend his authority to collect the direct tax to the property included within the limits as extended, and beyond the line of direct taxation as heretofore designated.

Herewith is transmitted the Fifth Annual Report of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company. They have made extraordinary exertions in extending their Road the past season; on the first day of December last, the road was opened to the city of Frederick, a distance of *sixty miles*, on which occasion, such members of the City Council as could make it convenient, and myself, availed ourselves of the polite invitation of the Mayor and City Council of Frederick, to partake of a public dinner on that day, in the city of Frederick.—The cordial and polite manner in which we were received by the Mayor and City Council and citizens of Frederick, was extremely gratifying to us, and complimentary to our city.—I hope we will have an opportunity at no very distant day, to reciprocate their politeness. The President and Directors of this Company have, by permission granted at your Annual Session, extended a line of Rail Road down Pratt street, as far as Cheapside street, but were prevented from progressing further this season, in consequence of the severity of the weather.—They have made contracts and preparations for carrying the road as far as Market Space this winter.—To the extent they have already constructed the road, there appears to be no obstruction caused by the rails in the ordinary business of the street, but on the contrary, there are many who desire to have the Rail Road laid in streets for which the Council have not given permission.—To provide for such cases in future, I would recommend the passage of an Ordinance giving authority to the President and Directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, to lay down a single track, in any of the streets, lanes or alleys of the city, under certain conditions and restrictions, and thereby obviate the necessity of applying in each particular case for such permission. It will also be necessary to permit the Company to construct of *wood* instead of stone, that part of the road heretofore authorised, which lies between Stiles street, on President street, and the city property inclusive, in consequence of the

ground having been recently made, and not sufficiently settled to receive stone rails, as required by the Ordinance authorising them to extend the road through the city.—An appropriation will also be required, to enable the City Commissioners to have President street filled up, sufficiently high to receive the rails, and also part of Wilkes street, so as to facilitate the travelling across President street, when the rails are laid on it, as required by Ordinance.

Herewith you will receive the fourth annual report of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail road Company, by which you will perceive that they are progressing with their enterprise. Seven miles of the road have been in operation for a considerable time for the transportation of passengers and merchandise. The President and Directors have availed themselves of the privilege given by ordinance to call on the city for the whole of the subscription heretofore made by the city to their company, having previously however complied with all the prerequisites of the ordinance. I have therefore paid over to them, the whole subscription of the city, to the amount of *Sixty Thousand Dollars*, in advance, they paying the interest upon the amount advanced, until the city shall be required in common with other stockholders to pay the same by instalments, as contemplated by ordinance.

The experience that we have obtained in laying the stone rails through our streets, must satisfy every mind, that a comparatively small appropriation, would have enabled the City Commissioners to reset the kirb-stones, and repave those parts of the streets which were left by the Rail-road company untouched, but requiring repaving. I would therefore recommend an annual appropriation for such cases, sufficient to enable the City Commissioners to make a thorough repair of such streets as the Rail-roads may be carried through hereafter.

The dilapidated state of the Draw-bridge connecting the City Block with Fell's Point, will require a large expenditure to repair it thoroughly; I would therefore recommend taking it away altogether, and substituting in lieu thereof, a *Pivot Bridge*, at the mouth of Jones' Falls, either at Alice-Anna street, or Lancaster street; if at the latter, then it will be proper to increase the width of that street, to the extent of the whole front of the public property; so as to render it ninety or one hundred feet wide. I would also recommend the closing up entirely of the docks originally contemplated through the city property, and conveying the water that now passes down Canal street, by means of a tunnel, into the City dock; and further, I would advise the filling up of the City Dock to the eastward of Canal street. To avoid the possibility of any contest, about the ownership of water rights, binding on said dock, and contiguous thereto, I would recommend soliciting the legislature to pass a law providing against any contingency of the kind that might occur. It would be well to purchase for the use of the city, the sunken lots, so as to entirely remove the probability of any disease arising from the situation of the property heretofore denominated the "Cove."

At the close of your last annual session, I took the liberty of calling your attention to the situation of *Water street*, near Jones' Falls; the obstructions are still remaining in the street, and the owners of property upon the street, east and west, have paid the full amount of damages required of them. If the city authorities do not make an exertion to complete what has been commenced, I cannot conceive how it is ever to be accomplished. I would therefore recommend attempting to bring about a compromise with the persons concerned, and at whose instance the impediments are permitted to remain, in such manner as may be deemed most advisable

The Mud Machines have been actively and advantageously employed during the past year. The navigation of the harbour has been considerably improved, and in many parts the width of the channel has been increased. One of the machines has been employed in deepening the navigation at the south end of Washington street, Fell's Point; and much yet remains to be done in that vicinity to obtain the original depth of water :—If it were practicable to procure a place of deposit for the sediment in that neighbourhood, instead of scowing it round to the "Cove," as at present, considerable expense would be saved by the city.

In accordance with Resolution No. 62, approved April 21st, 1831, the presidents of the City Council and myself made an amicable arrangement with Gen. Wm. McDonald, by which he, his heirs or assigns, are permitted upon certain conditions. to occupy the south end of South street wharf, for ten years from the first instant, as by reference to the contract will more fully appear. The extension of the wharf, and the workmanship of the walling, and pavement, seem to be well, and permanently finished.

The enterprise in which many of our citizens are engaged, in regard to keeping our navigation open during the severest winter, by means of a *Steam Tow Boat*, merits, and I am sure it will meet every encouragement from your hands; there would, in such an event, seem to be nothing wanting to give us, even in the severest weather of winter, all the advantages contemplated by our Rail Roads; and in this particular, even more than was originally contemplated in behalf of the city. If required, you surely will patronise the undertaking, as it will be a public benefit to our city, to keep the navigation open to the sea throughout the year.

The authority for renting the city Fish Houses expires on the 1st of May next—I would suggest the expediency of renting them for a longer period than one year, if sufficient inducement were offered.—The wharf attached to that property requires considerable repairs.

Considerable difficulty has arisen, and expense incurred at the Public Spring, corner of Charles and Camden streets, on account of the pipe that carries off the waste water becoming so obstructed as to prevent the water passing from the spring—I would suggest the expediency of authorising the Water Company to make such fixtures, as

will enable the City Commissioners to clear out any future obstructions in the pipe, by turning a head of water on it, whenever it may in future occur.

The Springs at the intersection of Washington and Gough streets, have been collected, and secured, as required by Resolution No. 55, approved April 8th, 1831. The pipe had been laid as far as Market street, when the Commissioners found that the appropriation would not enable them to incur any further expenditure. It will be necessary to make an additional appropriation, so as to complete the work, as originally contemplated by the Council.

The Ordinances for the erection of Gas Lamps has been but partially executed, about one half of the number authorised, have been erected; and we suspended the completion of the whole number required by Ordinance, in consequence of the inability of the Gas Company to furnish a sufficiency of Gas until their lower Gasometer was completed, which will probably he the case in a few weeks; then the erection will be resumed, as contemplated by Ordinances.

The vigilance of our Fire Companies continue unabated, and their usefulness must be acknowledged by all, yet there are some irregularities among them, which should be corrected.—I allude particularly to the practice of running part of their apparatus on the foot pavements, to the great annoyance of the passengers on the streets, and to the injury of private property, by breaking and mutilating it.—They should be prohibited from running their apparatus on the foot pavements under severe penalties.

The old Alms House property was rented as authorised by you, until the 1st November last, when the authority ceased; I would suggest the propriety of authorising the renting that property from time to time, as may best promote the interests of the city.

I would respectfully call your attention to the practice of *selling* and shooting Crackers within the limits of our city.—I am satisfied myself that the only preventive will be to prohibit their sale within our city, under heavy penalties.—Those who shoot them off, are frequently too young to be aware of their pernicious consequences; or regardless of the evil resulting from its indulgence.

I would suggest for your consideration the expediency of building an Armory on the lot of ground owned by the city, on part of which the Belvidere street Watch House is erected; the construction of an Armory so contiguous to our City Police, would always render it secure. The Western Watch house is now located in a rented house; I would advise the purchase of a suitable lot of ground, and the building of an Armory over the Watch House for that district. You have authorised the Mayor to increase the number of Watchmen, whenever it may be found necessary, but you have made no provision for an increased number of Officers.—I would respectfully call your attention to that subject; as the limits of Direct Taxation have been increased, it is probable you may also require the number of Watchmen enlarged, in which

case I am of opinion that the number of Lieutenants should be also increased to *four*, requiring two to be on duty every night. The Watch House in the Eastern District is owned by the city, and has an Armory over it, and my suggestion is, to make the other two Watch Houses, similar in this respect, to the Eastern.

The Trustees for the Poor of Baltimore City and County have presented their Annual Report, which is herewith submitted. The continued improvement in that establishment is highly creditable to the gentlemen who have the management of its concerns, and the excellent discipline that they have introduced, has tended greatly to the decrease of expense. Their report will be examined by you with increased interest.

The City Commissioners, Port Wardens, Commissioners of Health, Consulting Physician, and Health Officer, have severally presented their Annual Reports; they are herewith submitted for your consideration. I will however take occasion to observe, that their respective duties have been performed with vigilance and alacrity, to my entire satisfaction, and highly beneficial to the great interests of the City.

The following statement taken from the books of the Register of the City, will serve to shew the amount of the city stock debt, at the close of the year 1831, viz:

Amount of 6 per cent stock, redeemable at the pleasure of the corporation, at any time after the 31st December, 1838,	$80,000 00
Amount of 5 per cent stock, redeemable at the pleasure of the corporation, at any time after 1st January, 1832, including $8,514 87 held by the Commissioners of Finance,	$306,037 88
N. B. Arrangements have been made, by which the above amount of five per cent stock will be paid off, and a similar amount issued, redeemable after 1st day of July, 1845.	
Amount of 5 per cent stock, redeemable 1st July, 1838, issued to meet the instalments on the city stock in the Baltimore and Ohio Rail-road Co., including the sum of $50,000 held by the Commissioners of Finance, as an operative fund,	$195,000 00
Amount of 5 per cent stock, redeemable 1st day of July, 1840, issued to meet the instalments, and advance on the city stock in the Baltimore and Ohio Rail-road Company, including $6,000 held by the Commissioners of Finance, as an operative fund,	$100,000 00
Total amount of City Stock debt, 31st Dec. 1831,	$681,037 88

The Register of the City is preparing, and will lay his accounts

for the year 1831, before you, in the course of a day or two. They would have been prepared to accompany this, but for the accumulation of work in his office at this time, by the renewal of the Five per cent. Stock, and payment of the principal and interest upon the old stock, neither of which will admit of delay. You will find by the accounts, that there is a balance remaining in the hands of the Commissioners of Finance of one thousand twenty-two dollars and fourteen cents, and a balance of six thousand six hundred and eighty-one dollars and sixty-five cents in the city treasury.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

On motion by Mr. Young 50 copies of the Mayor's communication and accompanying documents were ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Hubbard a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing to refer the Mayor's communication to a Joint Committee, with a view of distributing the several subjects contained therein between the two Branches. and appointing on the part of this Branch Messrs. Hubbard, Young and Jenkins; the Second Branch appointed Messrs. Lucas and Stouffer and informed this Branch by message.

A communication from Charles F. Mayer, Esq., Senator in the General Assembly of Maryland, relative to the House of Refuge, was received from the Mayor, which was read, and on motion by Mr. Jenkins, a message was sent to the Second Branch, proposing to refer it to a Joint Committee, and appointing on the part of this Branch, Messrs. Jenkins, Hanson and Young; the Second Branch appointed Messrs. Lucas and Reany, and informed this Branch by message.

A resolution fixing the hour for the meeting of the City Council at 3 o'clock, was received from the Second Branch, and read a first, and by special order the second time. Mr. Young moved to strike out 3, and insert half past 3, which was concurred in—the resolution was concurred in with the proposed amendment, so endorsed, and returned to the Second Branch.

Mr. Ridgely, from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The Committee of Elections take leave to report the following Resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

NOAH RIDGELY,
E. STANSBURY, Jr. } *Committee.*

Baltimore, January 2d, 1832.

RESOLVED, That the following persons are duly elected members of the First Branch of the First Branch of the City Council, hav-

ing obtained a majority of the votes in their respective wards, and possess the property qualification required by the charter.

First Ward—Henry R. Lauderman, John H. Browning.
Second Ward—John E. Stansbury, William Hubbard.
Third Ward—William H. Hanson, Thomas P. Alricks.
Fourth Ward—Elijah Stansbury, Jr., Benedict I. Sanders.
Fifth Ward—Henry Myers, William Roney.
Sixth Ward.—John B. Morris, Samuel Moale.
Seventh Ward—John I. Donaldson, Isaac Munroe.
Eighth Ward—George Gardiner, Lewis W. Jenkins.
Ninth Ward—Noah Ridgely, Alexander Russell.
Tenth Ward—George Baxley, William G. Jones.
Eleventh Ward—McClintock Young, Corbin Amos.
Twelfth Ward—James Blair, Valentine Dushane.

The Branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, January 3. 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment—present, Jno. B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs. Lauderman and Munroe.

Mr. Hubbard, from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same, endorsed "concurred in."

The joint committee to whom was referred the Mayor's Annual Communication for the purpose of distributing the subjects therein mentioned between the two branches, beg leave to report the accompanying resolution.

3d January, 1832.

WM. HUBBARD,
M'CLINTOCK YOUNG,
LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS, } *First Branch*

F. LUCAS, Jr.
HENRY STOUFFER, } *Second Branch.*

RESOLVED by both branches of the City Council, That so much of the Mayor's Annual Communication as relates to the Public Debt, the Finances, and extension of the limits of Direct Taxation, be referred to a standing joint committee on Ways and Means.

So much as relates to the act of assembly restricting the powers of taxation of the city, to the same committee.

So much as relates to the Harbour, the repairs of Dugan's wharf, the Draw Bridge at the City Block, and the Mud Machines, to a standing joint committee on the Harbour.

So much as relates to the Baltimore and Ohio, and the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Roads, to a standing joint committee on Rail Roads.

So much as relates to Vaccination and the health of the city, to a standing joint committee on Health.

So much as relates to the obstruction in Water street, and the re-

paving of the streets in which branches of railway may be constructed, to a standing joint committee on Streets.

So much as relates to the erection of Gas Lamps to a standing joint committee on Lighting the City.

So much as relates to the Trustees of the Poor, to a standing joint committee on the Alms House.

So much as relates to an increase of the officers of the Watch, and selling of fire crackers, to a standing joint committee on Police.

So much as relates to the erection of Armories, and building a new Watch House, to a select joint committee.

So much as relates to keeping open the Navigation during the winter, to a select joint committee.

So much as relates to the accounts of the Commissioners of Finance, to a select joint committee.

So much as relates to the accounts of the Register, to a select joint committee.

So much as relates to the accounts of the City Commissioners and Port Wardens, to a select joint committee.

So much as relates to the accounts of the Commissioners of Health to a select joint committee.

So much as relates to Fire Companies, and

So much as relates to renting the Fish Houses, to the First Branch.

So much as relates to Public Fountains and Springs, and

So much as relates to renting the old Alms House, to the Second Branch.

Mr. Young, from the committee, delivered the following report, and Rules for the government of the branch, which were read a first time and ordered to be entered on the journal.

The Committee appointed to prepare and report Rules for the Government of the Branch, beg leave to submit the following:—The Committee also ask leave to report the accompanying additional joint rules.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

3d January, 1832.

McCLINTOCK YOUNG,
LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS,
NOAH RIDGELY.

STANDING RULES

For conducting business in the First Branch of the City Council of the City of Baltimore.

1. The hour of meeting of the First Branch of the City Council, shall be at half past three o'clock, P. M. at which time the President

shall take the chair, and all the members their seats. They shall remain uncovered during the sitting of the Branch—Absent members shall be sent for, if required by a majority of those present.

2. A quorum being present, the roll shall be called in the numerical order of the wards, except that the President shall on this, and all other occasions, be first called. The journal of the preceding day shall then be read over.

3. The President shall preserve decorum and order; he shall pronounce the decision of the Branch on all subjects; and he shall decide questions of order without debate, unless, entertaining doubts on the point, he calls for the sense of the Branch; he may speak on points of order only, rising from his seat. He may also on any other occasion call any member to the chair, and while on the floor he shall have the privilege of entering into the debate on any question before the Branch; such substitution however shall not extend beyond an adjournment. An appeal may be made from the decision of the President by any two members, on which no member shall speak more than once, without leave of the Branch.

4. Any member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall rise in his place, and respectfully address the President, and shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personality. If two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the President shall decide who shall speak first.

5. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the Branch, nor more than once, until every member choosing shall have spoken: and no member while speaking, shall name another by his proper name, but shall use some other designation.

6. If any member, while speaking, is called to order by the President or any other member, he shall cease speaking and take his seat, until it is determined whether he is in order or not; and the objectionable words shall, if required, be reduced to writing.

7. No motion shall be debated on or be opened for discussion or decision, until the same has been seconded; and it shall be reduced to writing, if desired by the President, or any member.

8. When a question is before the Branch, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lie on the table—for the previous question, to postpone indefinitely—to postpone to a certain day—to commit or amend,—which several motions shall have precedence in the order they here stand arranged.

9. A motion to adjourn shall be always in order, and shall be decided without debate. When a question is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be acted upon again, or reconsidered during the session.

10. The previous question shall be in this form—"Shall the main question be now put?" and, until it is decided, shall preclude all a-

mendments to the main question, and all further debate; it shall only be admitted, when demanded by a majority of the members present.

11. Any member may call for the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

12. When a blank is to be filled, and different sums, numbers or times, shall be proposed, the question shall first be taken on the highest sum or number, and on the longest or latest time.

13. When the reading of any paper or other matter is called for, and the same is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the Branch.

14. Every member present shall vote on all questions, unless excused by the Branch; and all questions shall be decided by the majority of votes present, except in the cases herein otherwise provided, and in the case of a bill or resolution returned by the Mayor disapproved of, which is provided for by the Act of Incorporation.

15. The name of every member making a motion for leave to bring in a bill, to amend a bill or resolution; when the yeas and nays are called for, presenting a petition, or proposing a resolution, shall be entered on the journal.

16. All reports, memorials, petitions, or other papers, shall be presented by the President or some other member, and a brief statement of the contents thereof shall be inserted in the journal; but all reports of Committees, and all amendments made to bills from the Second Branch, shall be inserted at length, unless otherwise ordered by the Branch.

17. Every question shall be entered on the journal; but no resolution sent from the Second Branch shall be inserted at length, unless the yeas and nays are called on its second reading, or on some amendment proposed thereto. All resolutions and reports of committees shall be inserted in the proceedings of the day on which they are presented.

18. No motion for reconsideration shall be received, unless made by a member and seconded by another, who voted in the majority on the question in the first instance, within the three next days of actual session of the Branch thereafter; but in no event shall any question on the subject which has been indefinitely postponed, be reconsidered.

19. Every bill or resolution, before being put upon its passage, whether originating in the Frst Branch or sent from the Second, shall receive two readings on two several days, unless three-fourths of the members present shall, by a special order, direct otherwise.

20. All committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise determined by the Branch on motion; in which case they may be appointed by ballot or *viva voce*.

21. No standing rule or order of the Branch shall be rescinded or changed, without the assent of three-fourths of the members present, and after one day's notice being given on the motion therefor; but a

standing rule or order may be suspended upon the assent of three-fourths of the members present.

22. Any member may, on asking and obtaining the leave of the Branch, introduce a bill which shall be read and either referred to a standing or select committee, read a second time by special order, or laid on the table, as the Branch may determine.

23. No report shall be amended, unless with the consent of the committee who made it.

24. Before putting the question, the President shall ask—"Is the Branch ready for the question?" If no member rise to speak, and a majority of the Branch are ready for the question, the President shall rise and put it; and after he shall have risen to put the question, no member shall speak upon it.

25. If a question depending be lost by adjournment of the Branch, and revived on the succeeding day, no member, who shall have spoken upon it twice on the preceding day, shall be permitted again to speak on it without leave.

26. No member shall not vote on any question in the event of which he is immediately and particularly interested: or in any case where he was not present when the question was propounded, without leave of the Branch.

27. All reports of Committees shall be accompanied by an ordinance or resolution; the question shall not be taken upon concurrence in the report; but the ordinance or resolution shall be put upon its passage as heretofore prescribed.

28. When a motion is made to lay upon the table, the question shall be taken without debate.

29. Whilst the President is propounding any question, or addressing the Branch, none shall walk out of, or across the room; nor in such case, or when a member is speaking, shall entertain private discourse, nor whilst a member is speaking, shall pass between him and the Chair.

30. All bills reported by Committees, shall be printed, and on the margin of the printed bills shall be stated the time reported and by what committee.

31. All cases of order, not herein provided for, shall be governed, in the discretion of the Branch, by the best usages in like cases, particularly such as prevail in the Congress of the United States.

Additional Joint Rules for the Government of the two Branches of the City Council.

1. Either Branch may refer a memorial or bill to a joint committee, or instruct such committee to inquire into the expediency of a measure.

2. A joint committee may report to either Branch.

3. All messages between the Branches shall be delivered by the

Clerks, and not by the members. And all messages from the Mayor shall be announced in the same manner as messages between the two Branches.

A communication from John Scott, esq. was received from the Mayor, which was read, and on motion by Mr. Hanson, 50 copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Young offered the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same, endorsed "concurred in."

Resolved by both branches of the City Council of Baltimore, That the following additional standing joint committees be appointed:

A joint committee on Education.

A joint committee on Claims.

Mr. Young presented the report of the Visiters and Governors of Baltimore county jail, which was read and 50 copies ordered to be printed, and a message sent to the Second Branch proposing to refer it to a joint committee, and appointing for this branch Messrs. Young, Jenkins and Hanson. The Second Branch appointed Messrs. Moore and Grafton, and informed this branch by message.

Mr. Jenkins, from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same, endorsed "concurred in."

The joint committee to whom was referred a letter from Charles F. Mayer, Esquire, respecting a memorial sent to the Legislature of the State, by the House of Refuge, "praying the appropriation to that institution of the fund and property originally destined for the House of Industry,"—Respectfully report, in part—

That inasmuch as they have no copy of the *memorial* referred to, and are ignorant of its contents, and consequently unapprized of the grounds assumed and the reasons assigned by the memorialists to the Legislature why their prayer should be granted, they cannot undertake in the absence of such important and necessary information to give a full exposition of the duty and policy of the corporation, or recommend such a course as in their opinion would be best calculated to protect the rights or promote the interests of our fellow-citizens.

Your Committee have therefore instructed their Chairman to procure from Annapolis copies of the memorial and documents; and to request of the Committee in the Senate, that they would suspend any further action on the subject, until a reasonable time should have been allowed to the citizens of Baltimore through their Council, to exam-

ine the memorial,and if necessary correct its statement,rebut its argument and oppose its prayer.

All which is respectfully submitted.

LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS,
WILLIAM H. HANSON,
McCLINTOCK YOUNG,
} *First Branch.*

F. LUCAS, Jr.
WM. REANY,
} *Second Branch*

Resolved, That the reasons set forth in the aforegoing report are acquiesced in by both Branches, and the course proposed by the Committee approved.

The resolution relative to the election of the members of the City Council, was read a second time and concurred in.

In pursuance of the joint resolution, the President appointed the following committees, and informed the Second Branch by message.

On Ways and Means—Messrs. Donaldson, Young and Moale.

On the Harbour—Messrs. Hubbard, Hanson and Jenkins.

On Health—Messrs. Amos, Ridgely and Lauderman.

On the Alms House—Messrs. Jones, Baxley and Russell.

On Police—Messrs. E. Stansbury, Dushane and Roney.

On Lighting the City—Messrs. Ridgely, Gardiner and Lauderman.

On keeping open the Navigation—Messrs. Hubbard, Hanson and Jenkins.

On Rail Roads—Messrs. Donaldson, Hubbard and Young.

On Streets—Messrs. Alricks, Blair and Gardiner.

On Armories—Messrs. Munroe, Young and J. E. Stansbury.

On the Accounts of the City Commissioners and Port Wardens—Messrs. Myers, Sanders and Browning.

On the Register's Accounts—Messrs. Ridgely, Jones and Alricks.

On the Accounts of the Commissioners of Finance—Messrs. Donaldson, Young and Moale.

On Fire Companies—Messrs. Jones, E. Stansbury and Myers.

Renting Fish Houses—Messrs. Jenkins, Sanders and Baxley.

On the Accounts of the Commissioners of Health—Messrs. Blair, Dushane and Russell.

On Education—Messrs. Munroe, Jenkins and Amos.

On Claims—Messrs. Hanson, Moale and Young.

The Second Branch appointed the following, and informed this branch by message.

On Ways and Means—Messrs. Lucas and Moore.

On the Harbour—Messrs. Beatty and Inloes.

On Rail Roads—Messrs. Stouffer and Beatty.

On Health—Messrs. Reany and Grafton.

On Streets—Messrs. Stouffer, Bevan and Mott.

On Lighting the City—Messrs. Mott, Bevan and Sewell.

On the Alms House—Messrs. Schæffer and Moore.

On Police—Messrs. Moore and Reany.

On Armories—Messrs. Moore and Inloes.

On keeping open the Navigation—Messrs. Beatty and Inloes.

On the Accounts of the Commissioners of Finance—Messrs. Lucas and Reany.

On the Accounts of the Register—Messrs. Beatty and Bevan.

On the Accounts of the City Commissioners and Port Wardens—Messrs. Moore and Mott.

On the Accounts of the Commissioners of Health—Messrs. Bevan and Sewell.

On Education—Messrs. Moore and Beatty.

On Claims—Messrs. Stouffer and Sewell.

On motion by Mr. Hubbard, a message was sent to the Second Branch, proposing when the City Council adjourn this evening it adjourn to Monday next. The Second Branch concurred by message, and this branch then adjourned until Monday.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Monday, January 9, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment—present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, aud all the members except Mr. Munroe.

Mr. Jones presented the Annual Report of the Mechanical Fire Co. which was read and referred.

Mr. Ridgely offered a message to be sent to the Second Branch, proposing to go into convention on Monday next for the election of a Register, two Directors in the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Co., one in the Baltimore and Susquehanna, and Six Commissioners of Public Schools;—which was read a first time and laid on the table.

A report of the Commissioners of Public Schools was received from the Mayor, which was read, and on motion by Mr. Hubbard, 50 copies were ordered to be printed, and a message sent to the Second Branch proposing to refer it to the committee on Education. The Second Branch concurred, and informed this branch by message.

Petitions from Shields Rice and John Cunningham, for the removal of certain frame buildings, were received from the Mayor, which were read and referred to the committee on Fire Companies.

On motion by Mr. Jones, a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing the appointment of a joint committee on Bridges, and appointing Messrs. Dushane, Jones and Hanson. The Second Branch appointed Messrs. Mott and Inloes, and informed this branch by message.

A petition from Stockton and Stokes and others, relative to the bridge over Gwynn's Falls, near its mouth, was received from the Mayor, which was read, and on motion by Mr. Jones, referred to the Committee on Bridges.

The Annual Report of the Patapsco Fire Company, was received from the Mayor, which was read and referred.

A communication from James Mease, Philadelphia, was received from the Mayor, relative to the establishment of a Lombard Institution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A communication from Dr. Thos. L. Murphy, on the subject of vaccination, was received from the Mayor; which was read, and on

motion by Mr. Ridgely, sent to the Second Branch, with a message proposing to refer it to the committee on Health. The Second Branch concurred, and informed this branch by message.

Mr. Amos presented the Annual Returns of the Washington Hose Co. which was read and referred.

Mr. Hubbard presented a petition from William Ealey, for the removal of a frame building, which was read and referred to the committee on Fire Companies.

The Register presented his Annual Summary, which was read, and on motion by Mr. Ridgely, a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing to refer it to the committee on his accounts.

Mr. Jones offered the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, by both branches of the City Council, That the joint committee on the Harbour enquire into the expediency of applying to the General Government, during the present session of Congress, for an appropriation to aid in deepening and preserving the Harbour.

Mr. Sanders presented a petition from Adams and Kettlewell, and others, relative to the removal of a fire plug, corner of Exeter and Gay street, which was read and referred to Messrs. Sanders, Hanson and Roney.

The Standing Rules for the government of this branch were read a second time. Mr. Jenkins offered the following additional rule, making the 32d, which was assented to, and the rules as reported were then concurred in.

Additional Rule for the First Branch.

32. Every member, before he presents a petition, shall endorse his name upon the petition, as also the substance of the prayer of the petition.

The additional joint rules for the government of the two branches were read a second time. Mr. Young moved to strike out the words "Shall be sent by a member, and" in the first old rule relative to the bearing of messages between the two branches, which was assented to, and the rules as amended were concurred in and sent to the Second Branch, with a message, requesting their concurrence. The Second Branch concurred, and informed this branch by message.

Joint Rules for the government of the First and Second Branches of the City Council.

1. All messages between the two Branches of the City Council shall be in writing, except those announcing adjournments, which may be verbal, and except in case where a convention is to be formed by the members of both branches.

2. When a message is sent from one branch to the other, it shall be verbally announced by the doorkeeper, and shall be received by the president of the branch to which it is sent, rising from his seat, and during the time all other proceedings shall be suspended.

3. When a convention is to be formed, a verbal message shall be sent from the First Branch to the Second, by two members, inviting the members of the Second Branch to meet those of the First in their chamber.

4. When assembled in convention, the President of the Second Branch shall preside, and shall occupy the chair of the president of the First Branch, and the clerk of each branch shall attend and enter the proceedings in their respective journals.

5. In all joint committees, or committees of conference, the member first named in the branch in which the motion for appointing such committees has originated, shall be the chairman, and shall have authority to convene the same.

6. No report of a joint committee, shall in any case be actually amended, by striking out or inserting words by either of the branches, but if objectionable, the report may be recommitted by the branch to which the report is first made.

7. Reports of joint committees shall be accompanied by an ordinance or resolution—the question shall not be taken upon concurring in the report, but the ordinance or resolution shall be put upon its passage, which may be concurred in, amended, or rejected by either branch.

8. All bills and resolutions, after passing the two branches, shall be examined and endorsed by the Committee of Enrolment, and before they are presented to the Mayor, shall be signed, first by the president of the First Branch, and then by the president of the Second Branch.

9. When a bill or resolution shall have passed the two branches, and shall have been examined and endorsed by the Committee of Enrolment, the same shall be presented to the Mayor by the president of the branch in which such bill or resolution originated, who shall endorse thereon the time of so presenting it, that it may be known whether the same be approved, or returned within the five days specified in the Act of Incorporation.

10. When a bill, resolution, or other subject has passed in one branch, and is rejected by the other, a committee of conference may be asked for and shall be granted.

Mr. Hubbard, from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on the Harbour, take leave to report, that their attention has been directed to the necessity of making some repairs to the Dredging and Discharging Machines; also of removing the large

quantity of sediment deposited during the past year on the wharves of the city dock, for the purpose of enabling the Port Wardens to commence their operations of deepening the navigation of the harbour, at an early period the ensuing season; they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution, which is respectfully submitted.

WM. HUBBARD,
WM. H. HANSON,
LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS, } *Committee of the First Branch.*

JAS. BEATTY,
WM. INLOES, } *Committee of the Second Branch.*

Baltimore, January 9th, 1832.

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register be, and he is hereby authorised, with the approbation of the Mayor, to pay to the orders of the Port Wardens, in anticipation of the regular annual appropriation for deepening the navigation of the harbour, such sum or sums, as may be necessary for the purpose of repairing the machinery, and removing the sediment now on the wharves of the city.

Mr. Alricks presented a petition from Michael Logue for permission to improve a wooden building on Ensor street; which was read and referred to the committee on Fire Companies.

Mr. Donaldson offered the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the Collector of the City report to this branch the amount of assessable property included in the late addition to the limits of direct taxation.

Mr. Jenkins offered the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, by both branches, That the Managers of the House of Refuge, appointed by the City Council, be, and they are hereby directed, to report their proceedings, since their appointment, and particularly the journal of their proceedings on the day when the memorial now pending before the Legislature was adopted—and if they were not present at that meeting, they are, in that case, hereby directed to report whether they were notified to attend that meeting.

Mr. Young offered the following resolutions, which were read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Ways and Means be instructed to enquire into the expediency of requiring all passengers arriving at the port of Baltimore in vessels from foreign ports, to obtain from the Health Officer, permits, previously to their landing.

Resolved, That the resolution for placing flag stones, reported to the First Branch of the City Council, on the 19th April last, and the several memorials praying for flag stones, presented at the last annual session of the City Council, be referred to the joint committee on Streets.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, January 10, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment—present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs. J. E. Stansbury and Munroe.

The returns of the Liberty and Vigilant Fire Companies were received from the Mayor, which were severally read and referred.

Mr. Hubbard presented the returns of the Columbian Fire Company, which was read and referred.

Mr. Hubbard presented a petition from James Biays for permission to remove two wooden buildings—and

Mr. Hanson, the petition of Maybury Parks, to alter a frame building—which were severally read and referred to the committee on Fire Companies.

Mr. Ridgely presented the petition of Jos. Todhunter and others, relative to the condition of part of Sharp street pavement, and also for Gas Light—which was read and referred to the committee on Streets and on Lighting the City.

The resolution directing the joint committee on the Harbour to make certain enquiries—and

The resolution calling on the Managers of the House of Refuge appointed by the city, for certain information—were returned from the Second Branch, endorsed "concurred in."

Mr. Ridgely asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill fixing the compensation of the Mayor for the ensuing term.

Mr. Donaldson, from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The committee of Ways and Means to whom was referred the Mayor's communication, report in part a resolution.

JNO. I. DONALDSON,
M'CLINTOCK YOUNG,
SAML. MOALE, } *First Branch.*

F. LUCAS, Jr. *Second Branch.*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Senator and Delegates from this city, be requested to obtain an act of Assembly repealing the 3d and 4th sections of an act passed December session, 1830, entitled "An additional act relating to the city of Baltimore."

Mr. Donaldson offered the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same, endorsed concurred in.

Resolved by both branches of the City Council, That a joint committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to correspond with the Senator and Delegates from this city in the legislature of Maryland, and take such measures as may be necessary to promote the views of this Corporation, in relation to the bills now pending, or which may be pending during the present session of the Assembly.

The President appointed Messrs. Donaldson, Jenkins and Young on the committee above authorised, and informed the Second Branch by message.

Mr. Hanson offered the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Streets be requested to inquire into the expediency of repaving that part of East street, north from Baltimore to Pitt street.

The resolution authorising the Register to pay money for the purposes therein mentioned, was read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The resolution in favor of Henry Most, former door-keeper, was read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

Mr. Jenkins offered the following resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Resolved, That the Committee on Streets be instructed to inquire, whether the condition of our streets during the passing winter, is owing exclusively to the severity of the weather, or be in part owing to artificial causes; and whether there be any deficiencies in the present ordinances on that subject, or any remissness in the administration of said ordinances, and that the said committee report by ordinance, resolution or otherwise.

Mr. Young asked and obtained leave to present a bill entitled An ordinance relative to paving, which was read a first time, and on motion by Mr. Young, referred to the committee on Streets.

Mr. Myers, from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The joint committee to whom was referred the examination of the accounts of the City Commissioners and Port Wardens, take leave to Report—

That they have discharged the duty assigned them, and take pleasure in stating, that the several accounts are satisfactorily stated, and supported by proper vouchers, conforming in every respect with the abstracts of expenditures reported by the offices above mentioned.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY MYERS,
BENEDICT I. SANDERS,
JNO. H. BROWNING,
} *Committee of the First Branch.*

JOSHUA MOTT, *Committee of Second Branch.*

Baltimore, January 10th, 1832.

Resolved, That the said Committee be discharged.

Mr. Donaldson offered the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time and concurred in.

Resolved, That the Register report to this branch the amount of claims against the city, if any, and for what account, which remained unsettled on 1st January last, and whether the balance on hand at that date was applicable thereto.

Mr. Jones, from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The Committee on Fire Companies to whom was referred so much of the Mayor's annual communication as relates to the fire companies running their apparatus on the foot pavements, respectfully Report—

That they have given the subject that attention which its importance demands, and must admit that very serious inconvenience has arisen from the evil complained of.

On investigating the subject in order to recommend some regulations to remedy it, your committee find, that at the last session of the Council a resolution was passed recommending the several fire associations to adopt some measures to prevent their apparatus being passed over the foot pavements. In accordance with that request, we find that the fire companies have recently adopted some efficient measures to correct this inconvenience, and your committee believe from the public spirit which has always characterised the firemen of our city, that as they have themselves taken up the subject with a determination to remove any further complaints, that it is unnecessary the Council should legislate upon the subject. We therefore beg leave to submit the following resolution.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
ELIJAH STANSBURY,
HENRY MYERS.

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire Companies be discharged from the further consideration of so much of the Mayor's annual communication as relates to the Fire Companies.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, January 11, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment—present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Munroe.

Mr. Lauderman presented the returns of the Deptford Fire Company;

Mr. Baxley, a petition from the Liberty Fire Company for a special appropriation—also the returns of the New Market Fire Company;

Mr. Jones, the returns of the First Baltimore Hose Company;

Which were severally read and referred.

The resolution authorising the Register to pay money for the purposes therein mentioned, was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed "concurred in with the proposed amendment, viz. insert after the word 'necessary,' in the 7th line, 'not exceeding $4000' "—which was read a first time and laid on the table.

A message was received from the Second Branch, announcing the appointment of Messrs. Lucas and Moore on the joint committee of correspondence with our Senator and Delegates in the General Assembly.

A communication from Jno. B. Howell and others, praying an appropriation to aid in opening the navigation, was received from the Mayor, which was read and referred to the Committee on that subject.

The City Collector's annual report was received from the Mayor, which was read, and on motion by Mr. Young, 50 copies were ordered to be printed, and that it be referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Young offered the following resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the account of David W. Hudson, Warden of Baltimore County Jail, stating the expenses incurred in the board, maintenance and keeping of certain negroes and mulattoes committed within the city of Baltimore, to the jail of Baltimore county, under the acts of Assembly relative to

the apprehension and commitment of runaways, which said negroes and mulattoes were ultimately discharged from said jail agreeably to the requisition of the 6th section of the act of Assembly of 1817, chap. 112, amounting to three hundred and sixty-four dollars and five cents, be and the same is hereby certified to the Treasurer of the Western Shore of Maryland, who is hereby authorised to pay the said amount to David W. Hudson, or his order.

Mr. Blair presented a petition from R. B. Simpson and others, relative to the repairs of part of Pennsylvania avenue; which was read, and on motion by Mr. Blair, a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing to refer it to a joint committee, and appointing for this branch Messrs. Blair, Hanson and Jenkins. The Second Branch appointed Messrs. Stouffer and Reany, and informed this branch by message.

The report and resolution relating to the accounts of the City Commissioners and Port Wardens, was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed concurred in.

A communication from James Johnson, proposing the sale of a patent right for a Life Escape and Fire Ladder, was received from the Mayor, which was read and referred to the committee on Fire Companies.

Mr. Young offered the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the Committee to whom was referred the memorial of Rezin B. Simpson and others, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of appropriating part of the dividends arising from the turnpike road stocks belonging to the city, towards the paving or repairing of the several turnpike roads within the limits of Direct Taxation.

Mr. Amos from the committee delivered the following report, and a bill entitled An Ordinance supplementary to an ordinance to preserve the Health of the city of Baltimore, &c. which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Health, to whom was referred the Mayor's communication on vaccination, and Dr. Tho. L. Murphy's letter, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report by ordinance, which is respectfully submitted.

Baltimore, January, 1832.

CORBIN AMOS,
NOAH RIDGELY,
HENRY R. LAUDERMAN, } *Committee of the First Branch.*

WILLIAM REANY,
M. GRAFTON, } *Committee of the Second Branch.*

Mr. Hubbard, from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same, endorsed "concurred in."

The joint committee on keeping open the Navigation, to whom was referred the petition of John B. Howell and others, having considered the subject referred to them, are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners is reasonable and ought to be granted. The committee have thought that the object to be accomplished is one of general benefit, interesting to all our citizens, inasmuch as the effect will probably be to reduce the prices of the necessaries and conveniences of life, give employment to many of our distressed fellow-citizens, and encourage the commerce of our town. They therefore recommend the adoption of the subjoined resolution.

Jan. 11, 1832.

WM. HUBBARD,
WM. H. HANSON,
LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS, } *Committee First Branch.*

JAS. BEATTY,
WM. INLOES, } *Committee Second Branch.*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register of the City be, and he is hereby authorised, with the approbation of the Mayor, to pay to the order of John B. Howell, Chas. W. Karthaus, Thomas Wilson, Matthew Kelly, and George H. Newman, the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of aiding in opening a track through the ice now in our harbour.

The resolution in favor of Henry Most, former door-keeper, was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed "concurred in."

The bill entitled An ordinance supplementary to an ordinance to preserve the health of the city of Baltimore, &c. was read a second time by special order; and on motion by Mr. Young, it was laid on the table, and 50 copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Jenkins, from the committee, presented a report and the following resolution, which was read a first time, and on motion by Mr. Young, 200 copies were ordered to be printed.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Correspondence be instructed to communicate a copy of the aforegoing report to our Senator in the General Assembly, and one to each of our Delegates.

Resolvsd, That our Senator and Delegates be requested by the said committee to oppose the passage of the bill prayed for by the Managers of the House of Refuge.

The amendment proposed by the Second Branch to the resloution

authorising the Register to pay money for the purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time and concurred in.

The report of the committee on Ways and Means on the Mayor's communication was read a second time, and during the discussion Mr. Ridgely moved to adjourn, which was concurred in.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Thursday, January 12, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment—present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Young.

The resolution instructing the committee on Streets to make certain enquiries, was read a second time and concurred in.

Mr. Amos presented a petition from the Washington Hose Company, praying a special appropriation, which was read and referred to the Committee on Fire Companies.

Mr. Sanders from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Messrs. Adams and Kettlewell, praying that a fire plug might be erected at the northwest corner of the Independent Engine House, Report—

That a resolution passed this branch at its last annual session, making an appropriation of one hundred dollars, which was found insufficient by the City Commissioners for that purpose. Your committee deeming it advisable that a plug should be placed at this point, and the Commissioners stating that it would require an additional one hundred dollars, offer the accompanying resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Baltimore, 12*th January*, 1832.

BENEDICT I. SANDERS,
WM. H. HANSON,
WM. RONEY,
} *Committee of the First Branch.*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorised, with the approbation of the Mayor, to draw upon the Register, for the sum of one hundred dollars, for the purpose of erecting a fire plug at or near the Independent Engine House, on North Gay street, in addition to the sum of one hundred dollars, as per resolution approved April 4th, 1831.

The Annual Return of the Franklin Hose Company, and the United Hose and Suction Engine Co. were received from the Mayor, and severally read and referred.

Mr. E Stansbury presented the Annual Returns of the Independent Fire Company, which was read and referred.

Mr. Jenkins offered the following resolution, which was read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

Resolved, by both branches, That a select joint committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a library for the use of the two branches, to contain copies of the acts of Congress, and public documents of the United States, the Constitution and Laws of the state, and state documents, the Ordinances of the city, and other public documents relating to the affairs of the city, the Constitutions of the United States and of the several states, and the Charters and Ordinances of the cities of New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Charleston.

Mr. Jones, from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The committee on Fire Companies, to whom was referred the memorial of William Ealey, asking permission to remove a frame building, are of opinion that the same is reasonable, and therefore respectfully submit the accompanying resolution.

Baltimore, Jan. 12th, 1832.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
ELIJAH STANSBURY, jr.
HENRY MYERS.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That William Ealey be, and he is hereby permitted to remove his frame building from the front to the back of his lot on the north side of Alice Anna street, any thing in any ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

Resolved, That the memorial on the above subject, together with the assent of the owners of property adjoining accompanying, be filed in the Register's office.

Mr. Ridgely, from leave granted, presented a bill entitled An ordinance to provide for the compensation of the Mayor of the City—which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Mr. Donaldson presented the copy of a memorial from sundry citizens of Baltimore to the General Assembly of Maryland, praying an explanatory act to an act passed at the last session, entitled "An additional act relating to the city of Baltimore"—which was read.

The report of the Committee of Ways and Means on the Mayor's communication on that subject, was called up, when Mr. Jenkins submitted the following order.

Ordered, That the resolution reported by the Committee of Ways

and Means, requesting our Senator and Delegates to obtain the repeal of the 3d and 4th sections of an act passed December session, 1830, be recommitted to the same committee, with instructions to report at length the reasons for the said repeal, and whether the Corporation has been subjected to any inconveniences in consequence of the provisions in said act, the nature and extent of these inconveniences, if any, and such other facts as may be necessary to a full and clear understanding of the whole subject.

Ordered also, That if the Committee be divided, the minority be also instructed to report their views upon the same subject.

The first was concurred in; the President gave it as his opinion that the second, to instruct the *minority* of a committee to file their reasons for dissenting from the majority, was not in order. If the minority of the committee desire to present reasons for their opinions, it will be for them to ask permission to file them, and it is with the Branch to grant or reject the application. It did appear that the motion to compel the minority to give their reasons, was not in order. The chair would receive it as an act of kindness to be favored with the opinion of the Branch on the question, so that a correct decision might be made.

Mr. Jenkins appealed from the decision of the chair, when Mr. Donaldson moved that it lie on the table, which was concurred in.

The resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to enquire into the expediency of establishing a library, was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed concurred in with the proposed amendments, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Amendments proposed:

Strike out "a select joint committee be appointed", and insert "the Committee of Ways and Means be directed"—Add at the conclusion, "And that they be directed to enquire into and report what sum of money it will require to purchase the same."

The bill entitled An ordinance supplementary to an ordinance to preserve the health of the city of Baltimore, was read a second time. Mr. Blair moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee who reported it, with instructions to report a bill giving to a physician appointed in each ward the sum of twenty-five cents for each person vaccinated under the present existing ordinances of the city, and that the Register pay to the ward physician so appointed the sum as above expressed, on producing the necessary vouchers that such services had been rendered with effect.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Friday, January 13, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment—present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Young.

Mr. Moale presented a petition from William G. Cook and Alcæus B. Wolf, praying for the payment of certain expenses incurred at the instance of the Corporate Authorities, which was read and referred to the committe on Claims.

Mr. Blair presented the petition of Edward Chaisty to remove a frame building, which was read and referred to the committee on Fire Companies.

The following communication was received from the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALLIMORE,
January 13th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council—

I have approved and signed a resolution "authorising the Register to pay money for the purposes therein mentioned"—a resolution "in favor of Henry Most, former door keeper"; and a resolution "making an appropriation for keeping open the Navigation."—All of which originated in your Branch.

Respectfully, yours, &c.
WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

The message to the Second Branch proposing to go into convention on Monday next, for the election of a Register, Directors in the Railroad, and Commissioners of Public Schools, was read a second time and concurred in: the Second Branch concurred in the proposal by message.

Mr. Ridgely from the committee presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in and sent to the Second Branch: the Second Branch returned the same, endorsed concurred in.

The joint committee, to whom was referred the accounts of the Register, take leave to report, that they find the accounts fairly and correctly stated, and supported by proper vouchers; and that the expendi-

tures are all conformable to, and within their respective appropriations.

Your committee submit the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

NOAH RIDGELY,
WM. GWYNN JONES,
T. P. ALRICKS,
} *Committee of the First Branch.*

JAS. BEATTY,
RICHARD BEVAN.
} *Committee of the Second Branch.*

BALTIMORE, January 13th, 1832.

Resolved, That the committee be and they are hereby discharged.

On motion by Mr. Ridgely, 50 copies of the Register's Summary were ordered to be printed in pamphlet form.

Mr. E. Stansbury offered the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Health be instructed to examine the situation of Bowers' Sewer, and report agreeable to their judgment, the best means of removing the nuisance occasioned by said Sewer.

The report of the committee on the petition of Adams a d Kettlewell was read a second time, concurred in and sent to the Second Branch.

Mr. Amos from the committee, delivered the following report, and a bill entitled A further supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance to preserve the health of the city of Baltimore, which was read a first and by special order the second time, passed and sent to the Second Branch.

The joint committee on Health, to whom was referred the communication of Thomas L. Murphy, beg leave to report the following ordinance.

CORBIN AMOS,
NOAH RIDGELY,
HENRY R. LAUDERMAN
} *Committee First Branch*

WM. REANEY,
M. GRAFTON,
} *Committee Second Branch.*

Mr. Blair from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The joint committee to whom was referred the examination of the Health Commissioners' accounts, beg leave to Report—

That they have performed the duty assigned them, and found the

accounts correctly stated, and every item in said accounts accompanied by the proper vouchers.

The committee cannot withhold merited praise due to Col. Harris, the clerk of that department, for the correct and intelligible manner the books of said department are kept and filed.

All of which are respectfully submitted.

January 13*th*, 1832.

JAMES BLAIR,
ALEX. RUSSELL,
VALENTINE DUSHANE, } *First Branch.*

RICHARD BEVAN,
THOMAS SEWELL, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved, That the Committee be, and it is hereby discharged.

The bill entitled An ordinance to provide for the compensation of the Mayor of the city, was read a second time, passed and sent to the Second Branch.

The report of the committee on Fire Companies on the petition of William Ealy, was read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

Mr. Jones offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the committee on Fire Companies be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by ordinance against the erection of frame buildings within the limits of direct taxation as lately extended.

On motion by Mr. Ridgely, a message was sent to the Second Branch, proposing when the City Council adjourn this evening it adjourn to Monday next.

The Branch called up the unfinished business of yesterday, being the appeal of Mr. Jenkins from the decision of the chair, on an order proposed by him. The question being put, "Will the Branch sustain the Chair in its decision?" it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr Donaldson, the memorial from sundry citizens of Baltimore to the General Assembly, was referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

A message was received from the Second Branch proposing when the City Council adjourn this evening it adjourn to Monday next, which was concurred in, and the Second Branch informed by message.

Mr. Jenkins offered the following resolution, which was read a first and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Streets be instructed to en-

quire into the expediency of improving the sewers in Charles street, between Ruxton lane and Pratt street, so as to make them conform in appearance with the sewer in Hanover street, and that they call upon the City Commissioners to report the probable cost of the same.

The amendments proposed by the Second Branch to the resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to enquire into the expediency of establishing a Library, was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. Jenkins the Branch dissented, and a messege was sent to the Second Branch asking a committee of conference, and appointing for this branch Messrs. Jenkins and Alricks.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Monday, January 16, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment—present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members.

Mr. Hanson presented a petition from Alex. Mitchell, to be reimbursed moneys expended on Bowers' Sewer, which was read and referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Sanders presented the petition of Robert Howard and others, for the removal of a fire plug; which was read and referred to the committee on Fire Companies.

Mr. Jones presented the memorial of John Lynch and others, for the erection of a market house; which was read, and on motion by Mr. Jones, sent to the Second Branch, with a message proposing to refer it to a joint committee, and appointing on the part of this branch, Messrs. Jones, Dushane and Myers.

Mr. Blair presented the petition of William Armour and others, relative to Bowers' Sewer; which was read and referred to the committee on Health.

Mr. Blair presented the petition of Ignatius Boarman and others, for the removal of an obstruction in Chatsworth street; which was read and referred to the committee on Streets.

Mr. Alricks presented the petition of John Murray, offering to the Corporation a lot for a watch box; which was read and referred to the committee on Police.

Mr. Ridgely presented the returns of the Union Fire Co.; which was read and referred.

A communication from Chas. W. Karthaus and Tho. Wilson, in behalf of the committee of Merchants for opening the navigation of the harbour, was received from the Mayor; which was read and referred.

The Annual Report of the Friendship Fire Company, was received from the Mayor; which was read and referred.

The report of the committee on Fire Companies, to whom was referred the memorial of Wm. Ealey;

The report of the joint committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Health Commissioners—and

The bill entitled An ordinance to provide for the compensation of the Mayor of the city;—were returned from the Second Branch, severally endorsed, the resolutions concurred in, and the bill, will pass.

The report of the joint committee on the subject of the application of the Managers of the House of Refuge to the General Assembly, was read a second time, unanimously concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch. The original document having been mutilated and defaced by the printer, on motion of Mr. Jenkins, the printed sheet was substituted therefor.

A message was received from the Second Branch, informing this branch of the appointment of Messrs. Lucas and Moore on the committee of conference relative to a library for the Corporation.

Mr. Browning presented the petition of Wm. Patterson and others, for cutting down and grading Market street, F. P. which was read and referred to the committee on Streets.

The two Branches met in convention, and after separating, this Branch adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, January 17, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment—present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members.

Mr. Ridgely presented the petition of the United Hose and Suction Engine Company, for a special appropriation—which was read and referred.

Mr. Jenkins presented the petition of Henry Thompson and others, complaining of the overflow of foul water in a part of Water street—which was read and referred to the committee on Streets.

Mr. Browning presented the petition of Charles Boston to alter a frame building, which was read and referred to the committee on Fire Companies.

The resolution certifying the account of the Warden of the Jail of Baltimore county, was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. Moale, it was referred to a special committee. The Chair appointed Messrs. Moale, Hanson and Jones.

A communication from Francis J. Dallam, city collector, in obedience to a resolution of this Branch on the 9th inst. was received and read, and on motion by Mr. Donaldson, it was referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

In obedience to a resolution of the Branch on the 10th inst. the City Register presented a report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Ridgely presented the petition of Samuel House and others, praying permission to take down part of the wall surrounding the Charles street spring; which was read, and on motion of Mr. Ridgely, referred to the Second Branch.

The report of the committee on Fire Companies on so much of the Mayor's communication as relates to the subject, was read a second time and concurred in.

Mr. Jones, from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same, endorsed "concurred in."

The committee on Fire Companies, to whom was referred the petition of James Biays for permission to remove his frame buildings, having examined the premises, are of opinion the same is reasonable, and ask leave to submit the following resolutions.

Respectfully submitted.

Baltimore, Jan. 16, 1832.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr.
HENRY MYERS.

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That James Biays be, and he is hereby permitted to remove his frame buildings, situated on Gardner's ship yard, so that they may front on the south side of Fleet street, any thing in any ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

Resolved, That the petition on the above subject, as also the assent of the owners of property adjoining, accompanying the petition, be filed in the Register's office.

The report and resolution on the subject of an application by the Managers of the House of Refuge to the General Assembly, was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed "unanimously concurred in."

Mr. Young offered the following resolution, which was read a first and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the committee on Lighting the city be instructed to inquire into the expediency of erecting lamps in those sections of the city without the old limits of direct taxation, and which are now included within the new limits as extended by the Commissioners appointed by the Governor and Council of Maryland.

Mr. Jones offered the following, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Whereas, The Canal Commissioners of the state of Pennsylvania, under authority of that commonwealth, have erected dams across the Susquehannah river, thereby impeding its navigation, and contrary to the compact entered into between said commonwealth and the state of Maryland, declaring the river Susquehannah a public highway—and

Whereas, The city of Baltimore has expended a large sum in improving the bed of said river, upon the faith of the promise, that it was to be forever a public highway; and the citizens of Baltimore having experienced in common with a large portion of this state, great loss in consequence of these artificial obstructions to the navigation of said river; and the state of Maryland having remonstrated against the injustice of such erections without effect—Therefore,

Resolved, by both branches of the City Council, That a joint commit-

tee be appointed to enquire into and report what measures, if any, it would be proper for this corporation to adopt to secure a speedy and effectual removal of said obstructions.

Mr. Jenkins, from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same, endorsed concurred in.

The committee of conference to whom was referred a resolution, calling for an inquiry into the expediency of establishing a Library for the use of the two Branches :

Respectfully Report—

That they have agreed to recommend the adoption of the resolution as it originally passed the First Branch, with the amendment passed in the Second Branch, calling for an inquiry into the cost of the proposed library. We prefer that a Select Committee should in the first instance be appointed, rather than a reference of the subject to the committee of Ways and Means; because the inquiry proposed in the resolution will require considerable trouble and labor in the preparation and collection of preliminary facts, and because the committee of Ways and Means are already burthened with onerous and important duties. After the Select Committee shall have collected the necessary facts to enable them to determine upon the expediency of adopting the proposition, it will then be competent for either branch, if they think proper, to refer the report of the Select Committee, to the committee of Ways and Means for its examination and revision.— The committee therefore report the resolution, amended in accordance with the above suggestions.

All which is respectfully submitted.

LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS,
T. P. ALRICKS, } *First Branch.*

F. LUCAS, Jr.
SAMUEL MOORE, } *Second Branch.*

Baltimore, Jan. 17th, 1832.

Resolved by both branches, That a select joint committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a library for the use of the two branches, to contain copies of the acts of Congress and public documents of the United States, the Constitution of the state, and state documents, the ordinances of the city and other public documents relating to the affairs of the city, the Constitutions of the United States and of the several states, and the charters and ordinances of the principal cities of the United States; and that the said committee be directed to inquire into and report the cost of procuring the same.

Mr. Dushane from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee to which was referred the petition of Stockton and Stokes and others, would respectfully report, that they have viewed the bridge mentioned in their memorial, and find it in a decaying condition, requiring immediate repairs; but your committee know of no funds which they can approach as belonging to such repairs except it be those arising from the Bridge and Road tax without the limit of direct taxation. And inasmuch as the bridge in question is of considerable advantage to persons visiting us from the lower part of Anne Arundel and Baltimore counties, would suggest the propriety of adopting the following resolution.

All which is respectfully submitted.

VALENTINE DUSHANE,
WM. GWYNN JONES,
WM. H. HANSON,
} *Committee First Branch.*

JOSHUA MOTT,
WM. INLOES,
} *Committee Second Branch.*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register pay over to Wm. Krebs, who is authorized to receive the same, the sum of two hundred dollars, to be applied towards defraying the expense of repairing the long bridge over Gwinn's Falls, near its mouth —the same to be taken from the funds raised for the repairs of roads and bridges out of the limits of direct taxation.

Mr. Alricks offered the following resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Resolved, That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby required to return to this Branch the different proposals made to them for paving streets, or parts of streets, during the past year; also, a statement setting forth the price that has been paid (per square foot) in each case, designating those that have been paved with the River Pebble—also, the quantity of River Pebble Stone that has been purchased since the passage of the ordinance of 1830, relating thereto, the price paid for the same—and the rate at which it has been allowed to the Contractor or Contractors, and also whether the whole appropriation for the purpose of purchasing River Pebble has been expended, and if not, the reasons for the same.

A message was received from the Second Branch concurring in the appointment of a joint committee on the petition of Jno. Lynch and others, and naming on their part Messrs. Reaney, Grafton and Mott, and also proposing that they shall remain a joint standing committee on Markets; which was read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in, and the Second Branch informed by message.

Mr. Young offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the Register be requested to communicate to this

branch the several amounts heretofore paid out of the city treasury for objects for which a specific levy should have, but has not, been made under the laws vesting in this corporation the powers of the late levy court of Baltimore county.

Mr. Hubbard offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the committee on Streets be instructed to enquire into the expediency of taking up and repaving Lancaster street, from the west side of Bond street, westerly to the end of the present pavement.

Mr. Jones from the committee, presented the following, which were severally read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The committee on Fire Companies, to whom was referred the memorial of Maybury Parks, asking permission to alter a frame building, having viewed the premises, and ascertained that the proposed alteration will reduce the size of his frame building without endangering any of the adjoining buildings, recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

Baltimore, Jan. 17, 1832.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr.
HENRY MYERS.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That Maybury Parks be, and he is hereby authorized to alter his frame building at the corner of Exeter street and Necessity alley, as prayed for in his memorial dated January 9, 1832.

Resolved, That the memorial on the above subject be filed in the Register's office.

The committee on Fire Companies, to whom was referred the memorial of John Cunningham for permission to remove a frame building, consider the application reasonable, and ask leave to report the following resolutions.

Respectfully,

WM. GWYNN JONES,
ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr.
HENRY MYERS.

Baltimore, Jan. 17, 1832.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That John Cunningham be and he is hereby permitted to remove his frame buildings on French streets, between Potter and East streets, to its former

situation on the same street, any thing in any ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

Resolved, That the memorial on the above subject, and the assent of the owners of property adjoining accompanying it, be filed in the Register's office.

The Second Branch returned the report on the petition of J. Cunningham, endorsed "concurred in."

The bill entitled A further supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance to preserve the health of the city, was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed "will pass."

Mr. Jones from the committee, delivered the following report, and a bill entitled A further supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance to provide for the prevention and extinguishment of fires, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The Committee on Fire Companies to whom was referred the resolution requesting an enquiry into the expediency of providing against the erection of frame buildings within the limits of direct taxation as lately extended, ask leave to report by ordinance.

Which is respectfully submitted.

Baltimore, Jan. 17th, 1832.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr.
HENRY MYERS.

Mr. Jenkins offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Whereas, the citizens of Baltimore have frequent occasons to apply to the Clerks of the Honourable General Assembly for copies of petitions and other papers filed with the said Clerks:

And Whereas, the charges made by the said Clerks are exorbitant, and bear no just proportion to the charges of other Clerks in the State for similar services:

And Whereas, we deem it right and proper that in all cases where public servants are to be paid either by the Government or the people individually, that the sums to be paid should be specified and regulated by law:

And Whereas, the Corporation of Baltimore have also felt the consequences of the present defective system, and will, of necessity, hereafter have to make application for many copies of petitions, &c. affecting the rights of the city, filed with the said Clerks;--therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Correspondence be directed to request our Delegates in the General Assembly to urge upon the Honourable Legislature the propriety of passing an act regulating and defining the fees of said Clerks.

Mr. Dushane submitted the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Ordered, That the petition of Edward Green, presented to this Branch at the last annual session, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The report of the committee on the petition of Adams and Kettlewell, was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed "dissented from."

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, January 18, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John B. Morris, esq. President, and all the members.

Mr. Hubbard presented the petition of Wm. Denny for permission to remove a frame building; which was read and referred to the committee on Fire Companies.

Mr. Moale, from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution; which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

The committee to whom was referred the consideration of the account of David W. Hudson, Warden of the Jail of Baltimore county, for expenses incurred for keeping certain negroes and mulattoes confined in said jail, Report—That by the act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at December session, 1817, chap. 112, sec. 6, and by a subsequent act of the said Assembly, passed in 1828, chap. 98, sec. 2d, the expenses of keeping said negroes and mulattoes are to be certified by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to the Treasurer of the Western Shore of said state, who is by the provisions of said act duly authorised to pay the same. All of which is respectfully submitted, with the following resolutions.

January 18*th*, 1832.

SAML. MOALE,
WM. H. HANSON,
WM. GWYNN JONES,
} *Committee First Branch.*

Resolved, That the resolution on the above subject be concurred in with the proposed amendment—by inserting a reference to the above act of 1828, chap. 98, sec. 2d.

Resolved, That the committee be discharged.

The resolution submitted on the 11th inst. was read a second time, amended as recommended in the aforegoing report, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same, endorsed "concurred in."

Mr. Myers offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed for the purpose of enquir-

ing into the situation of certain quantities of powder now, and for a long time past, remaining in a dangerous state in the magazine of this city, as per report of the Keeper, it being unclaimed, and that they report by resolution or otherwise.

The President appointed Messrs. Myers, Hanson and Ridgely.

Mr. Young offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the City Commissioners be requested to report to this branch, at what time, and by what authority that part of the old Washington road, lying within the limits of the city, was closed.

Mr. Sanders presented a petition from C. Gelbach and others, for permission to remove a pump, &c.; which was read, and on motion by Mr. Sanders, a message was sent to the Second Branch, proposing to refer it to a joint committee, and appointing for this branch Messrs. Sanders, Gardner and Alricks. The Second Branch appointed Messrs. Mott and Reaney, and informed this branch by message.

Mr. Blair offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the committee on Police be requested to inquire into the expediency of reducing the number of City Bailiffs now in commission, to *Twelve*, one of whom shall reside in each ward, and shall receive for his services one hundred dollars per annum, and the right now enjoyed by city bailiffs to act as constables.

And further to enquire into the expediency of taking the informers' part of all fines collected for violations of the city ordinances, and giving to the city the whole amount of the fines so imposed.

On motion by Mr. Sanders a message was sent to the Second Branch requesting a committee of conference on the resolution for removing a fire plug in Bridge street, and proposing for this branch Messrs. Sanders, Roney and Hanson. The Second Branch appointed Messrs. Moore and Stouffer, and informed this Branch by message.

Mr. Alricks presented the petition of Thos. Sappington and others relative to the crossings of a certain street specified; which was read and referred to the committee on Streets.

Mr. Amos from the committee on Health, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

The joint committee on Health to whom was recommitted the bill entitled An ordinance supplementary to an ordinance to preserve the health of the city of Baltimore, and for the due performance of quarantine at the port of Baltimore, with directions to report a bill allowing the physician twenty-five cents for each person vaccinated, not being

able to agree on the directions, beg leave to submit the following resolution.

CORBIN AMOS,
NOAH RIDGELY,
HENRY R. LAUDERMAN, } *Committee First Branch.*

WM. REANEY,
M. GRAFTON, } *Committee SecondBranch*

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from any further consideration of this subject.

Mr. Jenkins offered the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and on motion by Mr. Jenkins it was referred to the committee on Streets.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorised, to take up and repave that part of Conway street between the west side of Charles street and the east side of Light street, and they are hereby authorised to draw on the Register of the city, with the approbation of the Mayor, for any sum not exceeding ————, to defray the expense thereof.

Mr. Donaldson, from the committee on Ways and Means, reported a bill entitled An ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the repairs of Highways and Bridges in certain parts of the city of Baltimore; which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The resolution calling on the City Commissioners for certain information, was read a second time and concurred in.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Thursday, January 19, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John B. Morris, esq. President, and all the members.

Mr. Young asked and obtained leave to present a bill entitled An additional supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance to appoint City Commissioners and Port Wardens, and to prescribe their duties —which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The bill entitled A further supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance to provide for the prevention and extinguishment of fires, was read a second time, passed and sent to the Second Branch.

A communication from John Scott and Reverdy Johnson, esqs. was received from the Mayor, which was read, and on motion by Mr. Young, it was sent to the Second Branch with a message proposing to refer it to the committee on Ways and Means. The Second Branch concurred, and informed this branch by message.

A petition from William Winn and others for a lamp, and a petition from the Vigilant Fire Company for a special appropriation, were received from the Mayor, which were severally read and referred.

The following communication was received from the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
January 19th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council—

I have approved and signed a "resolution permitting William Ealey to remove a frame building"—"a further supplement to an ordinance to preserve the health of the city of Baltimore, and for the due performance of quarantine at the port of Baltimore"—and also "An ordinance to provide for the compensation of the Mayor of the city."

Respectfully yours,

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

Mr. Hubbard offered the following, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Resolved by both branches of the City Council of Baltimore, That the joint committee on Correspondence be instructed to request the

Senator and Delegates from the city of Baltimore, in the General Assembly of Maryland, to procure the passage of a law empowering this corporation to prevent the establishment of any more Chemical Laboratories within the limits of the city.

Mr. Stansbury from the joint committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same, endorsed "concurred in."

The joint committee on Police, to whom was referred the petition of John Murry relative to a lot of ground on Bel-Air avenue, have examined the same, and are of opinion that it would be of little or no use to the corporation. Therefore respectfully take leave to report by resolution.

ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr.
VALENTINE DUSHANE,
WM. RONEY,
} *Committee First Branch.*

SAMUEL MOORE,
WILLIAM REANEY,
} *Committee Second Branch.*

Resolved, That Mr. Jno. Murry have leave to withdraw his petition, and that the committee on Police be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Jones from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of James Johnson, proposing to dispose of a patent right for the erection of a life escape machine to the corporation—

Report,—That they have examined his communication on the subject, and believe that it would be inexpedient at this time to comply with the request contained therein, and ask leave to recommend the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr.
HENRY MYERS.

Baltimore, Jan. 18, 1832.

Resolved, That James Johnson be, and he is hereby permitted to withdraw his petition on the above subject.

Mr. Donaldson, from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The committee of Ways and Means, to whom was recommitted the resolution respecting direct taxation, report,

That, by act of Assembly 1796, ch. 68, incorparating the City of Baltimore, the right of imposing a direct tax was limited to two dollars on every hundred pounds. That the city having increased in size and wealth, this limitation was found to be insufficient, and a law was obtained 1817, ch. 148, with permission to lay and collect taxes to such amount as should be thought necessary for public or city purposes. That at the late session of the General Assembly of Maryland a petition was presented from a small number of the citizens of Baltimore, praying for a limitation of the whole debt of the city to one million of dollars; and that the Mayor and City Council should not be allowed to raise by direct taxation, a sum exceeding one hundred and twenty thousand dollars in one year, nor to collect from taxation and all other sources, a sum exceeding two hundred and ten thonsand dollars. In conformity with this petition, "An additional Act relating to the city of Baltimore" was passed, the 3d and 4th sections containing the limitations applied for.

The committee cannot believe that the petitioners intended to embarrass the Corporation by this proceeding, but that, being entirely unacquainted with the financial concerns of the city, they made the application unadvisedly, reasoning upon obstract principles not applicable to the case. The consequences were difficulties and embarrassments without end. The sum raised by direct taxation in 1830 was $140,830 28. The whole deficiency for 1831 as estimated by the committee of Ways and Means, was $46,408 69. This could not be supplied by loan, as the debt was limited to one million of dollars, and it had already reached (with its liabilities) within nineteen thousand dollars of that amount.

Another difficulty presented itself which the committee presume the petitioners could not have foreseen. The act restricts the city from raising from all sources a sum exceeding two hundred and twenty thousand dollars. Now the paving tax, which is only levied on the application of property holders benefitted by it, might in a year of great improvement, swell the amount received by the city, considerably beyond that sum—and the effect would be to prevent the paving new streets, and consequently delay, if not forbid, all improvements on them.

But the petitioners, to remedy, as they suppose, the evil complained of, have again petitioned for an act explanatory of the act of last session, "That an act be passed, exempting from the operations of said act the following taxes, viz:—City Poor, City Court, School, and County Taxes, as also a tax to cover the interest on the subscriptions to the Rail Roads." In this petition the debt of the city is unnoticed, as well as the restriction of two hundred and twenty thousand dollars. The committee believe that granting this petition would not give the city any relief. The debt of the city with the rail road subscriptions, amounts to $981,037 88. Money might be required for the improvement of the property adjoining the contemplated depot of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, or for like works of interest to the city, and loans

would be necessary for that purpose, but unless the restriction be repealed, all such improvements must be abandoned.

The City Council at its annual session, to relieve in some measure the embarrassment of the Treasury, authorised a loan of eighteen thousand dollars, to be paid in December, 1832, out of the revenue of this year. And, at its extra session in August, authorised the Mayor to pledge the real and personal property belonging to the City for the further sum of twelve thousand dollars. From these sources there was borrowed twenty thousand nine hundred dollars, which must be paid from the revenue of 1832. A simple statement will shew what amount must be raised in 1832 independently of City Court, City Poor, School, County and Road and Bridge Tax—and exclusive of the interest on the Rail Road subscriptions.

The assessment at present subject to direct Tax, is		$3,131,761
Additional do. within new limits,		119,294
do. do. for this year, (supposed)		100,000
		$3,351,055
3 per cent on that amount will be	$100,531 65	
Borrowed on revenue of 1832,	20,900 00	
Deficiency of last year, per Register's report,	18,290 16	
	$139,721 81	
Interest on Rail Road subscription,	15,000 00	
To be provided,	$124,721 81	

The direct tax of 1831 was 2 3-8 per cent, the Council being prevented from levying the usual 3 per cent by the act of Assembly of last session. A tax of 3 5-8 per cent will yield $121,475 65, a less tax will not suffice for the current year.

This statement, the committee think, is a sufficient answer to any argument in favour of the present limit of taxation, or of the explanatory act asked for by the petitioners. But the committee are of opinion that any limitation is inexpedient. The city of Baltimore is enlarging itself on every side—new buildings are being erected—new streets are opening, and those already opened are being paved. The spirit of individual improvement is abroad. Our expenses necessarily increase with the increase of population and wealth. The assessment which now is but three and a quarter millions, may be swelled to four or five millions, and the same tax which now yields one hundred thousand dollars, will then produce one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Must we be then year after year importuning the legislature for permission to make a loan or extend our power of taxation? The people are and ought to be the best judges of their own interests—if they are willing to impose additional burthens upon themselves, they

will be willing to pay for them. But we appeal with confidence to the Council when we assert, that the taxes never have been increased except from necessity.

The committee would remind the Council of the proceedings of the legislature of Maryland in 1813. A petition was presented from Baltimore to permit the Mayor and City Council to tax the city for the interest on loans made for the defence of the city—and *it was refused.* Threatened with invasion, and preparing for defence, the legislature refused to repeal the unwise limitation in our original charter, and left us to the mercy of our foe. To individual patriotism alone we are indebted for the salvation of our city.

Such an emergency might again occur, and another legislature might be found, which would renew the acts of 1813. The act of 1817 relieved us from this difficulty—but we are now in bonds, and unless the third and fourth sections of the act of 1830 be repealed, we may be again subjected to like mortification.

The Committee report again the resolution which was recommitted to them, and recommend its adoption.

JNO. I. DONALDSON, M'CLINTOCK YOUNG, } *First Branch.*

F. LUCAS, Jr. *Second Branch.*

19th January, 1832.

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Senator and Delegates from this city be requested to obtain an act of Assembly repealing the 3d and 4th sections of an act passed December session, 1830, entitled, "An Additional Act relating to the city of Baltimore."

The City Commissioners, in obedience to a resolution of this branch, made a report of the proposals for new paving done or contracted to be done during the past year, &c. which was read and referred to the committee on Streets.

Mr. Donaldson from the committee on Ways and Means, presented the following report, resolution, and memorial, which was read a first time, and laid on the table.

The committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Mayor's communication, report a memorial to the Legislature of Maryland, and the accompanying resolution.

JOHN I. DONALDSON, McCLINTOCK YOUNG, } *First Branch.*

F. LUCAS, Jr. SAMUEL MOORE, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved, by both branches of the City Council of Baltimore, That the memorial on the subject of wharfage be forwarded to the senator and members of the House of Delegates, with a request that they use their exertions to obtain the objects therein mentioned.

To the Honourable the General Assembly of Maryland:

The memorial of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore respectfully sheweth,

That the corporation of Baltimore heretofore exercised the right of collecting wharfage on the public wharves in said city. That this right has been a matter of controversy, and it is believed that no right exists in this corporation or in individuals to collect wharfage on said wharves.

Your memorialists further shew, that they are obliged to preserve the navigation of the harbour, to keep in repair the wharves, and by proper officers to regulate the stations, anchoring and mooring of vessels. That these charges are great and involve expense. That your memorialists have depended upon the collection of wharfages to sustain these burthens, and if they cannot be empowered to enforce the collection of tolls, they will be unable to perform their duty to the citizens of the state.

Your memorialists disclaim all interference with private rights, as they only ask for those privileges which the State possesses, and which no individual or corporate body has a right to.

Your memorialists therefore pray your honourable body that an Act of Assembly may be passed giving them the privileges asked for, and as in duty bound, &c.

The Commissioners of Finance made a report of their proceedings for the past year, which was read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the following communication was directed to be entered on the journal.

CITY REGISTER'S OFFICE,
BALTIMORE, 17th January, 1832.

To the First Branch of the City Council of Baltimore.

GENTLEMEN:

In obedience to a resolution of your Branch dated the 10th instant, calling upon the Register to report "the amount of claims against the city, if any, and for what account, which remained unsettled on the 1st instant, and whether the balance on hand at that date was applicable thereto"—

The Register has the honor to state, that the balance reported to be on hand the 1st instant, consisted of taxes collected upon levies made for specific purposes, viz. Expenses of the City's Poor, City Court,

certain expenses now devolved upon the city by the dissolution of the late Levy Court, Public Schools, Highways and Bridges without the limits of direct taxation, Pump Tax, and the balance for the opening of Lombard street not yet called for.

With the view of meeting the many pressing demands upon the treasury, the Register found it necessary to apply such funds as were in the treasury from time to time to the payment of such claims as the city was bound to meet promptly, and by pursuing such a course, which appeared to be imperative during the past year, the treasury was enabled to meet such demands as were pressing, without calling in but a small portion of the $12,000 loan authorised by an ordinance approved 23d August, 1831, and thereby saving a considerable sum that would have been paid for interest.

The difference then between the balance in the treasury on the 1st instant, and that which would have been equal to the amount of those specific levies paid into the treasury, is the sum of $12,695 18, and is fairly chargeable as a claim against the treasury.

The amount of unsettled claims therefore, or balances due upon appropriations, and not satisfied on the first instant, including the aforesaid sum of $12,695 18, and to be provided for exclusive of those which are, or may be reported from other departments of the corporation, are as follows, viz.

To make up the deficiency of the balance in the Treasury on the 1st inst.	$12,695 18
Water Rent at Centre Market Fountain due 1st May, 1832, and appropriated for in 1831,	450 00
Do. do. Plugs at Centre Fish and Hanover Market, due 1st May, 1831, per An. Appro. Bill,	40 00
Diary of the City Council, arrears due,	269 00
Commissioners of Finance, balance due 1st, upon Appro. of 1831,	3,000 00
Editors of newspapers, balance due,	250 00
Balance of Appro. for expenses of the jail to 26th Feb. 1832,	1,585 98
	$18,290 16

All which is respectfully submitted.

EM'L. KENT, *Register.*

Mr. J. E. Stansbury offered the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint standing committee on Streets, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of levelling and grading Bond street from East Baltimore street to Pitt street, and report to this Branch their opinion on the subject.

Mr. Dushane offered the following resolution, which was read a first and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint commtttee on Streets be instructed to enquire into the expediency of appropriating a small sum of money to remove the obstructions in Lexington street west.

Mr. Young offered the following resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Resolved by both branches of the City Council of Baltimore, That the joint committee on Correspondence be instructed to request the Senator and Delegates from the city of Baltimore in the General Assembly of Maryland, to procure the passage of a law altering the charter so that the Mayor may hereafter be elected immediately by the people, without the intervention of Electors.

The bill entitled An ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the repairs of Highways and Bridges, in certain parts of the city of Baltimore, was read a second time, passed and sent to the Second Branch.

The report on the petition of Maybury Parks was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed "dissented from."

Mr. Young offered the following additional joint rule, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

Additional Joint Rule.

The Presidents of the Branches shall cause to be entered on the journals of their respective branches, the days on which they presented to the Mayor any bill or resolution, requiring his approbation.

The resolution for appointing a joint committee to make certain inquiries therein mentioned, was read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The President appointed Messrs. Jones, Donaldson and Young, on the committee.

Mr. Jones offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the petitions which have been acted upon during the present session relative to the removal of frame buildings, and which have been directed to be filed in the Register's office, be and the same are hereby directed to be filed in the office of the City Commissioners as heretofore, any resolution to the contrary notwithstanding.

On motion of Mr. Jones a message was sent to the Second Branch, requesting a committee of conference on the petition of Maybury

'arks, and appointing for this branch Messrs. Jones, E. Stansbury and dyers.

Mr. Young gave notice that he should call up the resolution for e-ecting the Mayor by the people on tomorrow.

A communication from Philip Laurenson, Esq. on the subject of he House of Refuge, was received from the Mayor, which was read nd referred to the committee on that subject.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow af-ernoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Friday, January 20, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John B. Morris, esq. President, and all the members.

Mr. Blair presented the annual returns of the Howard Fire Company; which was read and referred.

The resolution on the subject of Chemical Laboratories, was read a second time; Mr. Jenkins moved to strike out all after the word 'law,' and insert "providing that in future no chemical laboratory shall be erected within the limits of the city of Baltimore, without the previous assent of the Mayor and City Council"—which was concurred in, and the resolution as amended was concurred in and sent to the Second Branch.

Mr. Jones, from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same, endorsed "concurred in."

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Robt. Howard and others for the removal of a fire plug at the intersection of Hillen and Exeter streets, Report,—That they have examined the situation of the fire plug referred to, and are decidedly of opinion that in its present location it is dangerous to passengers, being immediately on a line with the flag stones at the crossing of the street, and that it is necessary, in order to pass over the street to step off the flag stones—They therefore consider it necessary that the location should be changed in conformity with the prayer of the petitioners, and respectfully submit a resolution for that purpose.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr.
HENRY MYERS.

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby directed to remove the fire plug at the intersection of Hillen and Exeter street, so as to place it on a line with the houses on Hillen street.

Resolved, That the Register be, and he is hereby authorised to pay to the order of the City Commissioners, with the approbation of the

Mayor, the sum of twenty-five dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry the foregoing resolution into effect.

The following communication was received from the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
January 20th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council—

I have approved and signed a "resolution certifying the account of the Warden of the Jail of Baltimore county, for the board, maintenance and keeping of certain negroes, and mulattoes, committed as runaways"—also a "resolution permitting John Cunningham to remove a wooden building"—and a "resolution permitting James Biays to remove certain frame buildings."

Respectfully yours,

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

Mr. Jenkins from the committee delivered the following report and resolutions, which were read a first, and by special order the second time, unanimously concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same, endorsed concurred in.

The committee to whom were referred the letter of Philip Laurenson, Esquire, respectfully report the following resolutions.

LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS,
WM. H. HANSON,
M'CLINTOCK YOUNG,
} *First Branch.*

F. LUCAS, Jr.
WM. REANEY,
} *Second Branch.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That William Steuart, John B. Morris, and Philip Moore, or any two of them, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to sell and dispose of the property heretofore purchased for the purpose of a House of Industry, at public or private sale, for cash, or on credit, and to pay the purchase money therefor, to the Register of the city.

And be it further *Resolved*, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Register of the City be, and he is hereby authorised and required, to pay the debt now due and owing for the said property, out of the purchase money for the same, when received, and the balance to the Commissioners of Public Schools in the city of Baltimore.

And be it further *Resolved*, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorised and required to make and deliver all such deeds and instruments of writing, as may be necessary to give full effect and operation to the aforegoing resolution.

A communication from the City Commissioners relative to the closing of the old Washington road, was received and read.

Mr. Ridgely presented the following, which was read:

The undersigned being one of the Managers of the House of Refuge appointed by the City Council, in compliance with a resolution of both Branches, ask leave to report—That of the eight managers appointed on the part of the city, five have resigned, and their places supplied by others by the Board of Managers; that of the three remaining he is the only one now a member of the City Council;—that he has met the Board several times;—the appointment of an Executive committee, and the manner of making application to the citizens generally for funds in aid of the institution committed to their care, was among the most important business brought before the Board. The propriety of memorialising the legislature to appropriate the funds raised by the Managers of the House of Industry to the use of the House of Refuge was never discussed at any meeting of the Board of Managers when he was present—he has never been notified to attend a meeting for that purpose.

Herewith is submitted a copy of the proceedings of the Executive Committee relative to the memorial to the legislature, and a communication from Mr. Christian Keener, one of the Board of Managers, which the undersigned requests may be read and received as part of his report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NOAH RIDGELY.

Baltimore, Jan. 20th, 1832.

At a full meeting of the Board of Managers for the House of Refuge, held one day last week, (the day not recollected) the Executive Committee submitted to the Managers for their approval, their proceedings relative to an application to the legislature for an appropriation of the funds formerly raised for a "House of Industry" to this purpose. These proceedings were unanimously approved of by the Board of Managers, according to the best of my recollections.

CHRISTIAN KEENER,

One of the Managers.

Baltimore, Jan. 20th, 1832.

Mr. Jenkins from the committee, presented the following memorial to the Legislature, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same, endorsed concurred in.

To the Honourable, the General Assembly of Maryland:

The Memorial of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, respectfully sheweth:

That we have heard with regret and mortification, that a small portion of our fellow-citizens, without consulting the interests or the opi-

nions of the mass of our community, have applied to your Honors to take from the public schools of this city, a fund which has been heretofore appropriated to their benefit by an act of Assembly, and apply it to a new institution, designated a House of Refuge, the immediate establishment of which has not been called for by the citizens of Baltimore, or of the State; is not demanded by their necessities, nor essential for their good, and which cannot in any aspect be considered of equal usefulness with the Public Schools. Presuming that the comparative merits of the Public Schools and the House of Refuge, could not be unknown to your Honors, we were content simply to request the Senator and Delegates representing our city, in your Honourable bodies, to oppose the passage of the law prayed for by the Managers of the House of Refuge; and felt assured that as the people of Baltimore were the parties principally interested, the expression of their wishes, through the agency of those to whom their interests had been committed, would have carried with it sufficient weight to have influenced your decision. That this would have been the case, we are entirely convinced, if it were not that the time and attention of your Honours are employed with matters of weightier considerations—subjects of general interest to the people of the state, and consequently the present dispute between the municipality of Baltimore, and a few of their fellow-citizens, touching the disposition of a sum of money, not in the state treasury, may not have attracted that solemn investigation, to which we, as parties, believe it to be entitled. We feel it to be our duty therefore, to exhibit to your Honors, the following facts and circumstances, which we deem important to a correct understanding of the subject.

By the 21st section of the act of Assembly of 1825, ch. 162, entitled, "*An act to provide for the public instruction of youth in primary schools, throughout this State,*" the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore were authorized to establish a system of public education in that city, to be within their own control, provided they did so within five years after the passage of the act. The corporation, although sensibly alive to the importance of the subject, were slow to adopt the system; being unapprized of the amount of pecuniary liability they might thereby have to encounter, and at the same time fully aware that the property of our city was already heavily burthened with taxation and fallen in value to a state of unprecedented depression.

Under these circumstances, it was thought to be the dictate of prudence, at least to hesitate. In the meantime the energies of our citizens were renovated by a partial revival of their former trade—the Councils were still, however, backward in adopting a system of public education, and it was not until after the passage of the act of Assembly of 1827, ch. 183, that, relying upon the liberality and patronage of the legislature, as manifested by that act, they organized their system. By that law they were authorised to apply the *very fund and property now in question*, to the support of their public schools, in their discretion. Looking at this fund as entirely within their power,

for this purpose, they soon after proceeded with the preliminary arrangements, and have since extended their operations with zeal and efficiency; disseminating the blessings of education, and acquiring and securing the gratitude of all their constituents. The Mayor and City Council, have always considered that the act of '27 gave a final and irreversible destination to this fund. Acting upon this belief, they have established a comprehensive system of public education, and we respectfully but confidently submit it to the intelligence and justice of the legislature, whether, after the people of Baltimore are fairly committed to prosecute this system, it is consistent with the dignified stability and lofty punctiliousness of the state of Maryland, to withdraw one of the principal considerations, by which they were originally induced to commence it, and one of the principal sources from which they expected to derive the means of its future vitality. Our opinions of the high character of the state, reject the supposition. The people of Baltimore have already paid for the support of their schools in the two years during which they have been in operation, nearly $9000, and they have received from the state less than $500 per annum.

These sums have not been sufficient for the purposes of the School Commissioners, and in their annual report for the present year, (appended hereto) after complaining of the deficiency of their means, they proceed to say:

"This deficiency again reminds us of the old Alms House property, and of the rightful claim the Commissioners think they have upon that fund. They are surprised to learn that an attempt is making to divert the fund to another object, by an application to the Legislature of Maryland now in session. The Commissioners cannot for a moment suppose, that such a proceeding will be sanctioned by the City Council. The Council has already legislated under authority of the act of the General Assembly, passed December session, 1827, ch. 83, which gave the power to appropriate the proceeds of the property, (after paying the debt due upon it) towards the support of public schools.—The Commissioners have also considered the fund as appropriated in aid of their means, and they have acted under this belief—it has entered into their calculations, and they have relied upon it in their contracts. The very able report made last year by a Committee of the City Council, and which will be found in the proceedings of the First Branch, page 135, is respectfully referred to in support of the claim; and with full confidence that the property in question will not be wrested from its proper object, but that the Council will give its aid in preventing such a result, they have thus briefly touched upon the subject, considering it sufficient to call the attention of the Council towards it."

After your honors shall have considered these views and facts, we cannot anticipate an unfavorable decision. That respect and deference which in a republican legislature is always extended to the ex-

pression of popular will, cannot, we are certain, be denied to the people of Baltimore, whose wishes we represent, in a matter which vitally, and almost exclusively concerns their interests. We are sure we speak their convictions, when we say, that they would rather see their children blessed with education, and thus removed from one of the great incentives to criminality, than behold them, by their ignorance of the moral precepts inculcated in the schools, abandoned to idleness and crime, and candidates for reformation in the House of Refuge. This is the light in which we regard it. If the public schools are deprived of the fund and property in question, their increasing energies will be paralyzed, their power of extending their usefulness measurably destroyed, and the House of Refuge will arise from their ruins, and be filled in consequence of their destruction. With the most implicit reliance in the wisdom of the honourable legislature, and the fullest assurance of the equity of the claim of the public schools to this property, we pray your honors to reject the bill prayed for by the Managers of the House of Refuge.

And as in duty bound.

On motion of Mr. Browning, a message was sent to the Second Branch, proposing when the City Council adjourn this evening, it adjourn to Monday next: the Second Branch concurred by message.

On motion of Mr. Jenkins, a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing that the memorial to the Legislature be signed by the Mayor and members of the Council, and forwarded to Annapolis by a Committee: the Second Branch assented by message.

Mr. Donaldson from the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a bill entitled, An ordinance to provide for the payment of sundry expenses of the City Court of Baltimore, and of the City Poor, &c. which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Mr. Donaldson asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill, to be entitled An additional supplement to an ordinance providing for the appointment and prescribing the duties of the Counsel of the City of Baltimore, &c.

The resolution for repairing the long bridge over Gwynn's Falls was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Hubbard, it was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Alricks presented the petition of Wm. Harrison and others for a lamp, which was read and referred.

The report of the committee of Ways and Means on wharfage, was read a second time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill entitled A further supplement to An Ordinance, entitled, An Ordinance to provide for the prevention and extinguishment of fires, was received from the Second Branch, endorsed, will pass.

A message was received from the Second Branch, announcing the appointment of Messrs. Moore and Beatty the committee on the resolutions relative to the obstructions in the Susquehanna river; and Messrs. Stouffer and Schæffer the committee of conference on the petition of Maybury Parks.

The President appointed Messrs. Donaldson, Jenkins and Hanson, the Committee for this Branch, to proceed to Annapolis.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock Monday afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Monday, January 23, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, all the members except Mr. Morris.

The President being absent, M'Clintock Young, esq. was called to the chair.

After the journal had been read, the chair announced to the Branch that the President would be absent during the week, when on motion of Mr. Sanders, the branch proceeded to elect a President pro tem. Messrs. Jones and Dushane were appointed Tellers, when on striking the ballots,

Mr. Young received	13 votes
Mr. Hubbard	4 "
Mr. E. Stansbury	1 "

Whereupon Mr. Young was declared duly elected President pro tem.

Mr. Amos presented the petition of William Phillips and others for a lamp; which was read and referred.

Mr. Dushane offered the following resolution, which was read a first and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the Joint Committee on Streets be instructed to enquire into the expediency of placing Flag Stones across Louisiana street, from the Lexington Hay Scales to the North East corner of Green and said street; also, across Green street from the said N. E. corner, to the West side of Green street.

Mr. Jones from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

The Committee on Fire Companies, to whom was referred the petition of Michael Logue, asking permission to remove and enlarge a frame building, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report,

That, at a very early period, it seems to have been the object of the corporation, to adopt regulations to guard against the destruction of property from fire, and. as one of the means to check, by all proper remedies, the danger arising from the indiscriminate erection of build-

ings composed of combustible materials, amongst other regulations, the erection of wooden houses of every kind was absolutely prohibited. The same objection arises to the enlargement of frame buildings, and your committee think, to grant the permission asked, would be a departure from what they deem a wholesome regulation, and the settled policy of the coporation, and would be virtually giving permission to the memorialist to erect a new two story frame building in place of an old one story log house, now standing in Ensor, near Forest street. They respectfully submit the following resolution.

Baltimore, Jan. 20, 1832.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr.
HENRY MYERS.

Resolved, That Michael Logue be permitted to withdraw his petition on the above subject.

Mr. Hubbard offered the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved by both branches of the City Council, That the joint committee on the Alms House be instructed to enquire into the expediency of applying to the Legislature of Maryland, at its present session, for a law to prohibit hereafter the introduction of Paupers into the city of Baltimore from foreign ports.

The additional joint rule for the government of the two Branches;

The resolution instructing the committee on Correspondence to perform a specified duty;

The resolution for appointing a joint committee to make certain enquiries therein specified;

The resolution for filing in the City Commissioners' office certain specified petitions; and

The resolution discharging the committee on Health from duties specified;

Were returned from the Second Branch, severally endorsed "concurred in."

Mr. E. Stansbury offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Streets be instructed to enquire into the expediency of repairing or repaving High street, particularly that part of said street between East Market and North Gay streets.

Mr. Sanders from the committee, presented the following report and resolution; which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The joint committee to whom was referred the petition of C. Gelback and others, have had that subject under consideration, and are of opinion that the petitioner's prayer should be granted. We therefore beg leave to report by resolution, which is

Respectfully submitted.

January 23d, 1832.

BENEDICT I. SANDERS,
GEORGE GARDNER,
T. P. ALRIKCS, } *First Branch.*

JOSHUA MOTT,
WM. REANEY, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the property holders on Harford Avenue, under the direction of the City Commissioners, be, and they are hereby authorised to sink a well at the south east corner of Madison street and Harford Avenue, and use the materials to be taken from the old well near the Sugar house on said avenue, provided they cause the said old well to be filled up and paved at their own proper expense.

Mr. Jones offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Health be instructed to enquire into the expediency of adopting some measures to prevent the introduction into this city of the Cholera now prevailing on the continent of Europe.

The bill entitled An ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the repairs of highways and bridges, was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed "will pass."

Mr. Donaldson presented a bill entitled An additional supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance providing for the appointment and prescribing the duties of the Counsel of the city, &c. which was read a first, and by special order the second time, passed, and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same, endorsed "will pass."

Mr. Donaldson presented a petition from William W. Taylor and others, praying for an alteration of the grade of part of Courtland street; which was read and referred.

Mr. Sanders offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the Register of the city furnish this Branch with the amount of fees and all other expenses paid on law suits respecting the rights of the city to wharfage, from the year 1807, to the 1st January, 1832.

Mr. Ridgely offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Lighting the city, be, and they are hereby instructed to enquire into the expediency of having a Gas Lamp erected at the north east corner of Pratt and Sharp streets.

Mr. Jones from the committee, presented the following, which were severally read a first time, and laid on the table.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Edward Chaisty to remove a wooden building, are of opinion the request is reasonable and ought to be granted. They respectfully submit the following resolutions.

Baltimore, Jan. 23, 1832.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
HENRY MYERS,
ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr.

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That Edward Chaisty be, and he is hereby permitted to remove his frame house from its present situation on Long alley to the rear of a lot on Union street, any thing in any ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding. Provided, however, that the said removal shall be completed within ten days from the time of its commencement.

Resolved, That the petition on the above subject, and the assent of the owners of property adjoining attached thereto, be filed in the office of the City Commissioners.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Shield Rice, having examined the premises, consider the application reasonable and ought to be granted. They respectfully submit the accompanying resolutions—

Jan. 23, 1832.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
HENRY MYERS,
ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr.

Resolved, That Shield Rice be, and he is hereby permitted to remove his frame building now on his lot on Caroline street, from the east side of said lot to the north side of the same.

Resolved, That the petition on the above subject, together with the assent of the owners of property adjoining, which accompanies the same, be filed in the office of the City Commissioners.

The committee on the petition of Charles Boston for permission to remove and alter a frame building therein mentioned,

Report, That inasmuch as the petitioner asks to be allowed to enlarge a frame building, and the committee think such permission would

be contrary to sound policy, they consider it inexpedient to grant it, and accordingly submit the following resolution.

Respectfully.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
HENRY MYERS,
ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr.

Baltimore, Jan. 1832.

Resolved, That Charles Boston be permitted to withdraw his memorial on the subject of the removal and alteration of a frame building.

Mr. Jones from the committee on the petition of Wm. Denny, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of William Denny, asking permission to erect a frame stable and shed on his lot between Wilk and Bank streets,

Report, That they consider that a compliance with the request contained in the application, would be contrary to the settled policy of the corporation, which has always discouraged the erection of frame buildings for any purpose; your committee believe that although the proposed erection would be but for a limited period, still it would be an innovation upon what they conceive a wholesome and important regulation, and that it would be inexpedient for the Council to grant the request. They therefore respectfully offer the following resolution—

Baltimore, Jan. 1832.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
HENRY MYERS,
ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr.

Resolved, That William Denny be permitted to withdraw his memorial on the above subject.

Mr. Hubbard offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the petition of James Fields and others, to raise the walls of Harford Run, presented at the last annual session of the City Council, and by them referred to the present council, be referred to the committee on the Harbour.

In pursuance of the joint rule, the following enrolled bills were this day presented to the Mayor.

A resolution for the removal of a fire plug;

A resolution for disposing of certain property therein mentioned; and

A further supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance to provide for the prevention and extinguishment of fires.

A message was received from the Second Branch announcing the appointment of Mr. Grafton on the committee to proceed to Annapolis.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, January 24, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, M'Clintock Young, Esq. President pro tem. and all the members except Messrs. Browning, Moale and Morris.

The following letter was received from Mr. Morris, the President of the Branch, and ordered to be entered on the Journal.

THOMAS PHENIX, Esq.

Dear Sir:

I have been deputed to proceed to Washington, and will in all probability be absent from the City Council for some days. May I ask of you the favour to tender my apology to the Branch for my absence, and to assure the gentlemen that every effort will be made on my part to return to the duties assigned me in the Council at the earliest moment, consistent with other obligations.

With great respect, your obt. servt.

JOHN B. MORRIS.

Jan'y. 22, 1832.

Mr. Sanders presented the petition of Nich. Smith and others for a lamp; which was read and referred.

Mr. Blair offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Streets be requested to enquire into the expediency of paving that part of Lerew's alley between Saratoga and Mulberry street.

Mr E. Stansbury offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved by both branches of the City Council, That a joint committee consisting of three members from each Branch, be appointed to meet the general committee which will be instituted by committees appointed from each ward, on the 30th inst. at Lyford's hotel, in Light street, for the purpose of making arrangements to celebrate the approaching centennary of the illustrious Washington.

The resolution authorising Edwd. Chaisty to remove a frame building, was read a second time. Mr. Ridgely moved to strike out ten

days, the time limited for removal, with a view to insert 15 days. Mr. Blair moved to amend the amendment by inserting 20 days, which was dissented from. The question was then taken on 15 days, and assented to. The resolution as amended was concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The resolution on the petition of Shields Rice, was read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The resolution dissenting from the application of William Denny to erect a frame building, was read a second time and concurred in.

Mr. Hubbard offered the following, which was read a first and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the petition of Jacob Myers and others, relative to taking up and repaving Fleet street, between Market and Ann streets, presented at the last annual session of the City Council, and by them referred to the present Council, be referred to the Committee on Streets.

The following communication was received from the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
January 24th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council—

I have approved and signed "A further supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance to provide for the prevention and extinguishment of fires"—"A resolution for disposing of certain property therein described"—and also a "resolution for the removal of a fire plug at the intersection of Hillen and Exeter streets."

Respectfully yours,

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

Mr. Ridgely asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill supplementary to an ordinance to preserve the health of the city of Baltimore, and for the due performance of quarantine at the port of Baltimore.

Mr. Amos from the committee on Health, presented the following report, and a bill entitled A further supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance to preserve the health of the city of Baltimore, &c. which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Health to whom was referred so much of the Mayor's annual communication as relates to Small Pox, and a general vaccination throughout the city, take leave to report, that they have had the subject under their serious consideration, and are of opinion that the extensive vaccination recently effected by the Board of Health, renders it unnecessary at this time to provide for an immediate general vaccination.

Your committee believing it the duty of the Consulting Physician

to vaccinate the neighborhood where small pox may occur, as provided for in the 9th section of an ordinance supplementary to an ordinance to preserve the health of the city, &c approved April 2d, 1827, have agreed to report an ordinance providing for a general vaccination, whenever the proper authorities shall deem it necessary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CORBIN AMOS,
NOAH RIDGELY,
HENRY R. LAUDERMAN, } *Committee First Branch.*

WM. REANEY, *Committee Second Branch.*

The resolution instructing the committee on the Alms House to make certain enquiries; and the report of the joint committee on the petition of C. Gelbach and others, were returned from the Second Branch, endorsed concurred in.

Mr. Myers offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Streets be instructed to enquire into the expediency of repairing or repaving Frederick street, north and south of Baltimore street.

A resolution instructing the joint committee on Streets to make certain enquiries, was received from the Second Branch, read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the Second Branch.

Mr. Alricks from the committee on Streets, presented the following, which were read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Streets, to whom was referred the memorial of Townsend Scott and others, asking that Gay street might be repaved from the Bridge over Jones' Falls to the Independent Engine House, Report,—That the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted in part—this street being the great thoroughfare in that part of the city, and being so much cut up as not to admit of repair. They accordingly present the accompanying resolution.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorised and directed to take up the stone pavement on Gay (late Bridge) street, from the bridge over Jones' Falls easterly to the west side of Potter street, and repave the same; also to repair and replace the curb and flag stones on

said street; and the said Commissioners are hereby authorised, with the approbation of the Mayor, to draw on the Register for the sum of or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the same, to be taken out of the appropriation for the repairs and repavement of streets.

The joint committee on Streets to whom was referred the resolution in relation to Conway street, between Charles and Light street, ask leave to Report,—That they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion it ought to be repaved. They submit the following resolution.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorised and directed to take up the stone pavement on Conway, from the east side of Light to the west side of Charles street, and to repave the same, and to repair and replace the necessary good and substantial flag and curb stones thereon; and the said Commissioners are hereby authorised, with the approbation of the Mayor, to draw on the Register for the sum of or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the same, to be taken out of the appropriation for the repairs and repavement of streets.

Mr. Dushane offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Streets be instructed to enquire into the expediency of placing stepping stones across Run alley at its intersection with Fayette street.

Mr. Baxley offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Streets be instructed to enquire into the expediency of taking up and repaving Lerew's alley convex with curb stones from Mulberry to Franklin street.

Also to grade Mulberry street so as to pass the water into Saratoga street.

24th Jan. 1832.

Mr. Dushane presented a memorial from the Howard Fire Co. for a special appropriation; which was read and referred.

Mr. Myers offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the Joint Committee on Market Houses be instructed to enquire into the expediency of having the several market houses more thoroughly cleansed, especially during the summer months.

The following enrolled bills were this day presented to the Mayor for approval:

An ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the repairs of highways and bridges in certain parts of the city of Baltimore.

An additional supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance providing for the appointment and prescribing the duties of the Counsel of the City of Baltimore, and relating to suits in the name of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

A resolution for filing in the City Commissioners' office certain specified petitions.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, January 25, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, M'Clintock Young, Esq. President pro tem. and all the members except Messrs. Browning and Morris.

Mr. Ridgely offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee of Ways and Means be, and they are hereby requested to enquire into the expediency of levying and collecting a tax for the year 1832, for the payment of expenses of Baltimore County Court and Orphans' Court sitting on city business, for removals of causes, payment of Coroners, expenses of Elections, for the payment of the services of the Register of the city, under the ordinance approved April 6th, 1829, and the expenses incurred in collecting the same,—and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

The resolution for repairing the long bridge over Gwynn's Falls, was read a second time. Mr. Jones moved that a message be sent to the Second Branch proposing with their concurrence to recommit it with instructions to the committee to report the information necessary to a correct decision upon the subject, which was concurred in. The Second Branch concurred, and informed this branch by message.

Mr. Alricks from the committee on Streets, presented the following report and resolution; which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Streets, to whom was referred the resolution in relation to repaving East street north from Baltimore to Pitt street, having examined said street, deem it inexpedient to repave the same at the present time—They therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and accordingly offer the subjoined resolution.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER,
} *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
JOSHUA MOTT,
RICHARD BEVAN,
} *Second Branch.*

Resolved by both branches of the City Council, That the joint committee on Streets be, and they are hereby discharged from the further consideration of the resolution relative to repaving East street north from Baltimore to Pitt street, and that the same be referred to the consideration of the City Commissioners.

On motion of Mr. Alricks, the several reports made on Streets, were made the order of the day for Monday next.

Mr. Blair offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the committee on Police be instructed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting or regulating Musical Exhibitions in the public streets, lanes or alleys of the city.

The resolution for the appointment of a joint committee relative to the birth day of Washington, was read a second time, and after an interchange of opinions, it was ordered to lie on the table.

The following communication was received from the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
January 25th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council—

I have approved and signed "An additional supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance providing for the appointment and prescribing the duties of the Counsel of the city of Baltimore, and relating to suits in the name of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore"—and "An ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the repairs of highways and bridges in certain parts of the city of Baltimore"—and also a "resolution for filing in the City Commissioners' office, certain specified petitions."

Respectfully yours,

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

Mr. Ridgely (from leave granted) presented a bill entitled A further supplement to an ordinance to preserve the health of the city of Baltimore, and for the due performance of quarantine at the port of Baltimore, which was read a first time, and 50 copies ordered to be printed.

The report of the committee on Fire Companies on the petitions of Shields Rice and Edward Chaisty, were returned from the Second Branch, severally endorsed "dissented from."

A resolution authorising the City Commissioners to sink a well on the south east corner of Madison street and Harford avenue, was this day handed to the Mayor for approval.

Mr. Myers offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Rail Roads be instructed to enquire into the practicability and expediency of diverting the channel of Jones' Falls so as to cause the water of said Falls to be emptied at some point into the Patapsco river, at or near Harris' Creek; and further, to enquire into the expediency, (if such diversion is practicable) of laying a track of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road in the present channel of said Falls, to the mouth thereof—and report all matters in relation thereto that they may deem expedient.

Mr. Alricks moved to amend by inserting after the word "Falls" in the 3d line, "and Harford Run"—4th line, "and Run"—9th line, "and also Harford run"—which was concurred in by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. President, Lauderman, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Myers, Roney, Munroe, Gardner, Ridgely, Russell, Jones, Amos, Blair—16.

Nays—Messrs. Moale, Baxley—2.

Mr. Munroe moved to strike out 'the joint committee on Rail Roads' and insert "a select joint committee," which was concurred in.

Mr. E. Stansbury moved to insert after the word Harris' Creek, "or Herring Run," which was concurred in.

The resolution as amended was then concurred in.

Mr. Hubbard offered the following, which was read a first and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved by both branches of the City Council, That so much of the Mayor's annual communication as relates to the opening the Baltimore and Ohio rail road between the cities of Frederick and Baltimore, be referred to a select joint committee.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Thursday, January 26, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, M'Clintock Young, Esq. President pro tem. and all the members except Messrs. Browning and Morris.

Mr. Jones presented the petition of Benj. Comegys and others for the repaving of Bottle alley.

Mr. Dushane, the petition of William Lorman and others relative to obstructions in Pine street—which were severally read and referred to the committee on Streets.

On motion of Mr. Jones, a message was sent to the Second Branch requesting them to reconsider and recede from their dissent to the resolution on the application of Shields Rice for permission to remove a frame building, inasmuch as the proposed alteration was merely to remove the building to another part of the same lot, and could not affect the property adjoining.

Mr. Alricks presented the petition of William D. M'Kim, asking compensation for certain injuries done his property, which, with the accompanying documents, was, on motion of Mr. Alricks, referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Jones offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be directed to enquire into the expediency of leasing for a term of years, the property of the city at the mouth of Jones' Falls, formerly the Cove.

Also the expediency of disposing of the property of the city known as the Fish Houses, and the wharf attached thereto, on the south side of the Basin.

The bill entitled A further supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance to preserve the health of the city of Baltimore, &c. was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Alricks, ordered to lie on the table.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Friday, January 27, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, M'Clintock Young, Esq. President pro tem. and all the members except Messrs. Browning and Morris.

Mr. Gardner presented the petition of Danl. Schwartzauer for permission to take sand from Hughes street, which was read and referred to Messrs. Gardner, Sanders and Russell.

Mr. Jones presented the petition of the Union Fire Company for a special appropriation; which was read and referred.

The resolution for a joint committee on so much of the Mayor's communication as relates to the opening of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road; and

The resolution for a joint committee to make certain specified enquiries in relation to Jones' Falls, were returned from the Second Branch, severally endorsed concurred in.

Mr. Hubbard moved that the committee on Jones' Falls should consist of five, whereupon the President appointed Messrs Myers, Hubbard, Munroe, Moale and Jenkins; on the latter resolution Messrs. Hubbard, Ridgely and Jones were appointed, of which the Second Branch were informed by message. The Second Branch appointed Messrs. Stouffer, Beatty, Reaney and Inloes the committee on the Falls; and Messrs. Moore, Reaney and Mott on the opening of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road.

A message was received from the Second Branch adhering to their dissent to the resolution on the petition of Shields Rice.

Mr. Roney offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and on motion of Mr. Roney referred to the committee on the Harbour.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That in addition to the duties now performed by the Wardens of the Port as prescribed by ordinance, it shall be, and they are hereby authorised and required, whenever there is a prospect of a rise of the waters of Jones' Falls, either by heavy rains, the breaking up of the ice, or other causes, to take active measures to prevent a stoppage of the waters of said Falls so to overflow its banks, and that they be authorised to remove, from time to time, such obstructions as may accidentally be

placed in said Falls;—to draw for the expenses on the Register of the City, with the approbation of the Mayor.

The following communication was received from the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
January 27th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council—

I have approved and signed a "Resolution authorising the City Commissioners to sink a well at the south east corner of Madison street."

Respectfully yours,

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

A memorial from Austen Woolfolk relative to the tunnelling of Chatsworth run, was received from the Mayor, which was read and referred to the committee on Streets.

Mr. Sanders offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Streets be instructed to enquire into the expediency of having that part of Jones' Falls between Finn's and Mitchell's bridge, lying east, walled up.

Mr. Jones offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the committee on the Harbour be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a Port Wardens' line in the Ferry Branch of the Patapsco.

Mr. Amos offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Streets be instructed to inquire into the expediency of filling up Park lane between Pine and Cove Streets, so as to prevent the water from remaining stagnant on said lane.

Mr. Blair moved to strike out "joint committee on Streets," and insert "a select committee"; which was concurred in, and the resolution so amended was then concurred in. The President appointed Messrs. Amos, Blair and Baxley the committee.

Mr. Jones offered the following, which was read a first and by special order the second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the committee on Streets be instructed to enquire into the practicability and expediency of preventing the great flow of water through Liberty street during heavy rains, and that they report the best method of preventing or lessening it.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing when the City Council adjourn this evening it adjourn to Monday next. The Second Branch concurred by message.

Mr. Amos from the committee on Health, presented the following report, and a bill entitled A further supplement to an ordinance to preserve the health of the city, &c. which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Health to whom was referred the resolution for an enquiry into the expediency of adopting some measures to prevent the introduction into this city of the Cholera, now prevailing on the continent of Europe, have had the subject under investigation, and after revising the quarantine ordinances, are of opinion that the 10th and 13th sections of an ordinance to preserve the health of the city, &c. approved April 2d, 1827, may be amended so as to render them more effectual. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following bill.

Respectfully submitted.

CORBIN AMOS,
NOAH RIDGELY,
HENRY R. LAUDERMAN, } *Committee First Branch.*

WM. REANEY, *Committee Second Branch.*

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock Monday afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Monday, January 30, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Browning.

Mr. Jones presented the petition of James Duke and others for stepping stones over Howard street, at Camden street; which was read and referred.

Mr. Roney presented the petition of G. W. Miller and others for removing a nuisance therein mentioned, which was read and referred to the committee on Markets.

Mr. Amos presented the petition of Jno. Kilpatrick and others—which was read and referred to the committee on Streets.

A communication from Joseph Townsend, Jno. Hillen and George Decker, late Visitors and Governors of the jail, was received from the Mayor; read and referred to the committee on Claims.

The bill entitled An ordinance to provide for the payment of sundry expenses of the City Court of Baltimore, &c. was read a second time, passed and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same, endorsed "will pass."

The resolution for appointing a joint committee for the object therein specified, was read a second time. On motion of Mr. Ridgely, "three," the committee to be appointed, was stricken out, and five inserted. The resolution as amended was concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same, endorsed "concurred in."

Mr. Dushane from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same, endorsed concurred in.

The joint committee on Bridges, to whom was re-committed the resolution relative to the long bridge over Gwynn's Falls, near its mouth, respectfully

Report, That they have carefully and deliberately examined the subject, and find that the bridge will require a large appropriation to repair it, and as we know of no fund that could be applied to that purpose, sufficient to place the bridge in good condition, and believing

that it is a great convenience to many of our citizens, and ought if possible to be kept in travelling order, we have concluded that it would be but just that those who are most benefitted by the bridge should contribute to its support by the payment of a small toll for the use of it, sufficient to keep it in repair. We therefore submit the following resolution.

Respectfully,

VALENTINE DUSHANE,
WM. H. HANSON,
WM. GWYNN JONES, } *Committee First Branch.*

JOSHUA MOTT,
WM. INLOES, } *Committee Second Branch.*

Baltimore, Jan. 30, 1832.

Resolved, That William Krebs and Richard Linthicum be recommended to apply to the legislature for authority to collect a toll upon the long bridge over Gwynn's Falls, near its mouth, sufficient to keep said bridge in good repair, and that they submit said law when obtained, for the approval of the Mayor and City Council.

Resolved. That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of this subject.

The bill entitled A further supplement to an ordinance to preserve the health of the city, &c. was read a second time.

Mr. Young moved to amend the bill by adding thereto the two first sections of bill No. 5; which was concurred in.

Mr. Ridgely moved to fill the blank for compensating the physicians for vaccinating with $600. Mr. Jenkins moved $800. The question being taken on $800, the yeas and nays appeared as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Jenkins, Jones, Young, Amoss—4.

Nays—Messrs. President, Lauderman, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Hanson, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Myers, Roney, Moale, Donaldson, Munroe, Gardner, Ridgely, Russell, Baxley, Blair, Dushane—18.

Determined in the negative.

The motion to fill the blank with $600 was concurred in, and the bill thus amended was passed and sent to the Second Branch.

The following was received from the Register and ordered to be entered on the journal.

CITY REGISTER'S OFFICE,

BALTIMORE, January 30th, 1832.

To the First Branch of the City Council—

Gentlemen:

A resolution of your Branch, dated the 23d instant, calling upon the Register to furnish "the amount of fees, and all other ex-

penses paid on law suits, respecting the rights of the city to wharfage, from the year 1807 to the 1st January, 1832," has been received, and in compliance with the call, the Register has the honor to furnish the following information.

From examination of the records of this office, commencing with the year 1807, and up to 1822, inclusive, I find payments made for lawyers' fees, and for expenses attending Chancery suits, but no specifications for what purpose;—from the year 1822, and subsequent, up to the 1st inst. payments have been made for assistant counsel employed by the city in the wharf cases; and will appear as follows, viz.

1823. Per resolution approved March 1st, 1823, to Thomas Kell and Nathl. Williams, attornies at law, for services rendered by them in suits between the city and sundry individuals, involving the city's rights to several wharves, - - - - -	$500 00
1824. The sum of $500 00, per resolution, approved 9th March, 1824, authorising the Mayor to employ assistant counsel in suits depending in Baltimore County Court, in which John Craig and John Barron, William Dawson and James Curtis were plaintiffs, and the Mayor and City Council defendants; and also in cases depending in the Court of Appeals and Court of Chancery, to which the city was a party against Messrs. Moore & Johnson, Howard, Dugan and Clopper; the former was relative to wharves, and the latter to streets; I therefore think it fair to charge one half of said sum to wharves, - - - - -	250 00
1826. Per resolution No. 2, approved 31st May, 1826, for additional Counsel to defend the Mayor and City Counsel in suits brought by John Craig, and also by Cumberland Dugan, for alleged damages, - -	200 00
1827. Per standing authority, ordinance No. 14, approved 23d Feb. 1827, to N. Williams and R. Johnson, Esqs. in the case of Creighton against Carroll, in which the city was interested, - - - -	200 00
1828. Per standing authority of 1827, to R. B. Taney, Esq. for services in Baltimore County Court, in the cases of Craig, Barron, Dawson and Curtis, - -	500 00
1828. And also in the case against C. Hughes, -	100 00
1831. Per same authority to R. B. Taney, Esq. in the case of Craig, Barron and others, at the Court of Appeals, which terminated in favour of the city, -	1000 00
1831. Per resolution No. 27, approved 8th March, 1831, to John Scott, Esq. additional compensation in the case which Craig and Barron were plaintiffs, and the Mayor and City Council defendants, - - -	300 00
Amount carried over, - - -	$3,050 00

				Amount brought forward, - -		$3,050 00
1831.	Per standing authority of 1827, to John Scott and Reverdy Johnson, Esqs. for services in opposition to the memorial of Mrs. Jannet Hollins, to the legislature,					600 00
1831.	Per same authority, to Reverdy Johnson, Esq. for services in Court of Chancery against C. Dugan and others relative to wharfage, - - -					200 00
"	Per resolution No. 58, approved 12th April, 1831, relative to land warrants, - - - -					370 00
	Paid Witnesses, &c. as follows:					
1826.	Per voucher No. 1185.			Witness, - -		69 00
1827.	Do.	do.	342.	" -		82 00
1828.	Do.	do.	217.	Bill of Costs,	$83 53	
"	Do.	do.	1279.	"	54 00	
"	Do.	do.	1316.	"	18 00	
						155 53
1829.	Do.	do.	83.	Witness, - - -		4 00
1830	Do.	do.	200.	" - - -		9 00
1831.	Do.	do.	257.	Fees, - -	$14 82	
"	Do.	do.	377.	" -	12 30	
"	Do.	do.	585.	" - -	1 41	
"	Do.	do.	1013.	" -	26 03	
						54 56
						$4,594 09

All which is respectfully submitted.

EM'L. KENT, Register.

CITY REGISTER'S OFFICE,
BALTIMORE, 30th Jan. 1832.

To the First Branch of the City Council:

Gentlemen:

I have received a resolution of your Branch, dated the 17th instant, requesting the Register to report the several amounts heretofore paid out of the city treasury, for objects for which a specific levy should have, but has not, been made under the laws vesting in this corporation the powers of the late Levy Court of Baltimore county—In compliance, the Register has the honor to furnish the following statement, viz.

1828.	For expenses and repairs of the Jail, - -				$3,700 00
1829.	Do.	do.	do. - - -		2,114 71
"	Erecting Jail wall, - - - -				2,009 53
1830.	Expenses and repairs	do.	$1,517 20		
			3,806 34		
					5,323 54
	Amount carried up, - -				13,147 78

	Amount brought up, - -	13,147 78
1831.	For expenses and repairs of the Jail, appropriated in 1830 for balance due by former Board, -	2,744 46
"	Do. do. on account of appropriation 1831,	2,607 63
	For alteration in the court house 1830 - -	176 97
		$18,676 89

Respectfully submitted

EM'L. KENT, Register.

The Register, in obedience to an ordinance No. 47, approved 6th April, 1821, made a report, which on motion of Mr. Donaldson, was referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

The President appointed Messrs. E. Stansbury, Jones, Jenkins, Ridgely, and Hanson, the committee for this Branch on the subject of the anniversary of the birth day of Washington, and the Second Branch informed thereof by message.

Mr. Donaldson from the committee on Ways and Means, presented a bill entitled An ordinance to provide for certain expenses of the year 1831, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Mr. Young offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the Register be requested to communicate to this Branch the amount of costs, if any, recovered and paid into the treasury of the city in the several cases stated in his communication this day reported to this Branch relative to fees and costs of certain suits in which this corporation was a party.

The report of the committee on Ways and Means, made on the 19th inst. was read a second time.

Mr. Alricks offered the following as a substitute :

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Senator and Delegates from this city in the legislature of Maryland, be, and they are hereby respectfully requested to obtain a supplement to an act explanatory to the act of assembly passed at December session, 1830, ch. 139, entitled "An additional act relating to the city of Baltimore," so that any debts this corporation may have contracted, or may hereafter contract, on account of instalments paid, or advances made, or hereafter to be made to the Baltimore and Ohio and Susquehanna rail road companies, on account of the city's subscription to the stock in the said companies, be exempted from the restrictions imposed by the 4th section of said act, and that debts contracted for these purposes be declared not to come within the meaning of said 4th sec. And that the tax levied to pay the interest upon the amounts borrowed for the above purposes, and also the following taxes, viz.— County tax, city court, city poor, school, road and bridge, and the pa-

ving tax, be exempted from the restriction in the 3d sec. of said act; and that these taxes be declared not to come within the meaning of the 3d section of said act, and that the power of the corporation in relation thereto remain as it was previous to the passage of the said act, and that they be levied and collected as heretofore.

Which was read, when Mr. Ridgely moved an adjournment, which was concurred in by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. President, Lauderman, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Roney, Gardner, Ridgely, Amoss, Dushane, Blair—12.

Nays—Messrs. Hanson, Sanders, Moale, Donaldson, Monroe, Jenkins, Russell, Jones, Baxley, Young—10.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, January 31, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Browning.

Mr. E. Stansbury presented the petition of Henry Munroe for the removal of a sewer in East Water street; which was read and referred to the committee on Streets.

The enrolled ordinance to provide for the payment of sundry expenses of the City Court of Baltimore, and of the City Poor in the poor house of Baltimore city and county, was this day handed to the Mayor for approval.

The bill entitled An additional supplement to an ordinance entitled an ordinance to appoint City Commissioners and Port Wardens, and to prescribe their duties, approved 8th April, 1826, was read a second time, passed and sent to the Second Branch.

The Branch called up the unfinished business of yesterday—the question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Alricks to the report of the committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Blair moved to strike out in the 13th line the words "or hereafter to be made"—which was dissented from. The question was then called for on the amendment. Mr. Young moved for a division of the question, which was concurred in; and it being taken on striking out all after the word "Resolved," in the original resolution, the yeas and nays were called for, and appeared as follows.

Yeas—Messrs. President, Lauderman, Hubbard, Alricks, Moale, Gardner, Russell, Baxley, Amoss, Dushane, Blair—11.

Nays—Messrs. J. E. Stansbury, Hanson, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Myers, Roney, Donaldson, Munroe, Jenkins, Ridgely, Jones, Young—12.

Determined in the negative.

The report of the committee of Ways and Means being under discussion, it was moved by Mr. Dushane to adjourn, which was determined in the negative by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. Alricks, Sanders, Roney, Gardner, Ridgely, Russell, Baxley, Amoss, Dushane, Blair—10.

Nays—Messrs. President, Lauderman, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard,

Hanson, E. Stansbury, Myers, Moale, Donaldson, Munroe, Jenkins, Jones, Young—13.

Mr. Dushane moved to strike out the words "4th section," which was concurred in by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. Hubbard, Alricks, Sanders, Roney, Moale, Gardner, Ridgely, Russell, Baxley, Amoss, Dushane, Blair—12.

Nays—Messrs. President, Lauderman, J. E. Stansbury, Hanson, E. Stansbury, Myers, Donaldson, Munroe, Jenkins, Jones, Young—11.

On motion by Mr. Hubbard, the Branch reconsidered the above motion, which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. President, Lauderman, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Hanson, E. Stansbury, Myers, Moale, Donaldson, Munroe, Jenkins, Ridgely, Jones, Young—14.

Nays—Messrs. Alricks, Sanders, Roney, Gardner, Russell, Baxley, Amoss, Blair, Dushane—9.

The question was then taken on the original report of the the Committee, and decided in the affirmative by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. President, Lauderman, J. E. Stansbury, Hanson, E. Stansbury, Myers, Donaldson, Munroe, Jenkins, Ridgely, Jones, Young—12.

Nays—Messrs. Hubbard, Alricks, Sanders, Roney, Moale, Gardner, Russell, Baxley, Amoss, Dushane, Blair—11.

The following communication was received from the Register, and ordered to be entered on the journal.

CITY REGISTER'S OFFICE,
BALTIMORE, 31st Jan. 1832.

To the First Branch of the City Council:

Gentlemen:

A resolution of your Branch, dated the 30th instant, has been received. It calls upon the Register to communicate the amount of costs, if any, recovered and paid into the Treasury of the city, in the several cases stated in his communication (this day, 30th) relative to fees and costs of certain suits in which the City was a party.

In obedience to the resolution, the Register, after examination, begs leave to state, that he finds the following sum paid into the city treasury, by John Scott, Esq. attorney, viz.

Costs of a suit the Mayor and City Council, against C. Dugan, Wm. Dawson and others, received in 1831, $2,019 36

Respectfully submitted

EM'L. KENT, Register.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, February 1, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Young.

Mr. Amoss presented the petition of James Dougherty and others for flag stones; which was read and referred to the committee on Streets.

A communication from Thomas Janvier relative to the storage of gunpowder, was received from the Mayor—also,

A communication from William Patterson relative to the washings of Jones' Falls, and claiming payment for a piece of property used for a street—which were severally read and referred.

Mr. Hubbard, from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The joint committee to whom was referred that part of the Mayor's annual communication as relates to the opening the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road between the cities of Frederick and Baltimore, have had the subject under consideration, and take leave to report by resolution.

Which is respectfully submitted.

Feb. 1st, 1832.

WM HUBBARD,
NOAH RIDGELY,
WM. GWYNN JONES, } *Commitee of the First Branch.*

SAMUEL MOORE,
WILLIAM REANEY,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Committee of the Second Branch.*

Resolved by both branches of the City Council of Baltimore, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby respectfully requested to invite the Mayor and City Council of Frederick, the Orator and Marshals of the day who acted on the opening of the rail road to the city of Frederick —also the President and Directors of the Baltimore and Ohio, and Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road companies, to join this Corporation in celebrating the Centennial anniversary of the birth of the illustrious Washington.

The bill entitled An additional supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance to appoint City Commissioners and Port Wardens, &c. was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed "will not pass."

The bill entitled A further supplement to an ordinance supplementary to an ordinance to preserve the health of the city, was read a second time, passed, and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same, endorsed "will pass."

The resolution on the petition of Charles Boston, was read a second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message was received from the Second Branch informing this Branch of the appointment of Messrs. Moore, Reaney, Inloes, Grafton, and Sewell, on the committee relative to the anniversary of the birth of Washington.

Mr. Alricks from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

The joint committee on Streets to whom was referred so much of the petition of Joseph Todhunter and others as relates to the repaving of all that part of Sharp street between Lombard and German streets, Report,—That they have examined said street, and deem it inexpedient to repave the same at this time—they therefore present the subjoined resolution.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR, } *First Branch.*
GEORGE GARDNER,

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN, } *Second Branch.*
JOSHUA MOTT,

Resolved by both branches of the City Council, That the joint committee on Streets to whom was referred so much of the petition of Joseph Todhunter and others relative to repaving all that part of Sharp street between Lombard and German street, be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that the same be referred to the consideration of the City Commissioners.

Mr. Browning offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Streets be instructed to enquire into the expediency of placing flag stones east of the market house, on Market street, Fell s Point, and west of the centre gutter from Lancaster to Thames street. Also to enquire into the expediency of placing stepping stones across the south end of said street, near the County wharf.

A resolution that a joint committee be appointed to ascertain on

what terms John Murray would dispose of certain property, was received from the Second Branch, read a first time and laid on the table.

The resolution instructing the committee on Streets to make certain enquiries, snbmitted by Mr. Jones on the 27th ult. was read a second time. Mr. Jones moved to strike out "committee on Streets," and insert "a select committee," which as amended was concurred in. The chair appointed Messrs. Jones, Dushane and Baxley.

The resolution for repaving part of Conway street, was read a second time. On motion of Mr. Alricks, the blank was filled with $880, and the resolution concurred in and sent to the Second Branch.

The resolution discharging the committee on Streets from further considering a resolution therein specified, was read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Thursday, February 2, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members.

Mr. Hubbard offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Port Wardens report to this Branch the reasons why they have not proceeded in deepening the navigation of the harbour, on the east side of Mr. Patterson's wharf, Fell's Point, agreeable to the provisions of resolution No. 25, approved March 2d, 1831.

Mr. Baxley offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Streets enquire into the expediency of placing flag stones across Franklin street, on the west side, at the intersection of Franklin and Park streets. Also across Franklin street, on the east side, at the intersection of Franklin street and Lerew's alley.

The following communication was received from the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
February 2d, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council—

I have approved and signed "An ordinance provide for the payment of sundry expensess of the City Court of Baltimore, and of the City Poor in the poor house of Baltimore city and county."

Respectfully yours,

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing when the City Council adjourn this evening it adjourn to Monday next. The Second Branch concurred by message.

The resolution discharging the committee on the petition of Charles Boston, was read a second time. Mr. Browning moved to recommit the report with a request that the committee will reconsider and report a resolution favorable to the prayer of the petitioner—and on mo-

tion of Mr. Browning, the subject was ordered to lie on the table.

The resolution discharging the committee on Streets from further considering a resolution therein specified; and

The resolution for repaving part of Conway street,—were returned from the Second Branch, severally endorsed "concurred in."

The Branch again called up the resolution on the petition of Chas. Boston. Mr. Browning asked and obtained leave to withdraw the motion submitted by him, and offered as a substitute the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That Charles Boston be, and he is hereby permitted to remove his frame building, situated on the west side of Aisquith street, four feet west from its front position, and to change the form of the roof of said house to that of a plain double roof—any thing in any ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

The enrolled resolution relative to the long bridge over Gwynn's Falls—and

The further supplement to an ordinance supplementary to an ordinance to preserve the health of the city of Baltimore,—were this day handed to the Mayor for approval.

The report of the committee on Ways and Means was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed "concurred in with the proposed amendments"—which were read the first time and laid on the table.

Amendments proposed:

After the word "That," in the 2d line, strike out all that follows, and substitute the following:

"That the Senator and Delegates from this city be requested to obtain an act of assembly explanatory of the 3d section of an act passed at December session, 1830, entitled "An additional act relating to the city of Baltimore," so that the following taxes shall not be embraced within the scope of said section, viz. City Poor Tax, City Court Tax, School Tax, County Tax for city purposes, Paving Tax, and interest on Rail Road Stocks, giving thereby to the corporation of Baltimore, power to lay and raise in any one year, from what is known as the *direct tax*, the sum of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars, if necessary.

"*Resolved*, &c. That the Mayor be requested to forward to the Senator and Delegates, from this city, a copy of these resolutions."

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock Monday afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Monday, February 6, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members.

Mr. E. Stansbury presented the petition of Robert Taylor and others, relative to reducing the price of scowing, which was read and referred to the committee on the Harbour.

Mr. Jones presented the petition of William Eden to remove a brick slaughter house, which was read and referred to Messrs. Jones, Dushane and Lauderman.

The resolution on the petition of Charles Boston was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed "dissented from."

Mr. Roney presented the petition of G. W. & H. Miller and others, on the subject of Jones' Falls; which was read, and on motion of Mr. Roney, a message was sent to the Second Branch, proposing with their concurrence to refer it to a joint committee, and appointing for this branch, Messrs. Roney, Dushane and Hubbard.

The following communication was received from the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
February 6th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council—

I have approved and signed "A further supplement to an ordinance supplementary to an ordinance to preserve the health of the city of Baltimore, &c." and also a "resolution relative to the long bridge over Gwynn's Falls."

Respectfully yours, &c.

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

A communication from William Patterson asking permission to construct a branch rail road, was received from the Mayor, which was read and referred.

Mr. Myers presented the petition of Columbus E. Cook, for the acceptance of an act of Assembly relative to the closing of Forest street; which was read and referred to the committee on Streets.

Mr. Blair presented the petition of James A. Lebranthwait relative

to a wooden shed, which was read and referred to the committee on Fire Companies.

The resolution relative to a lot of ground belonging to J. Murray, was read a second time, concurred in, and returned to the Second Branch.

Mr. Jones offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the committee on Streets be instructed to enquire into the expediency of placing flag stones on the north side of Mulberry street, at its intersection with Park street.

Mr. Young offered the following, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Resolved by both branches of the City Council, That the Register be instructed to have printed with the ordinances of the year 1832, the report of the Commissioners for the extension of the limits of direct taxation, and also such acts of assembly relating to the city passed at the present session of the legislature, as the Counsellor for the city may direct.

Mr. Hubbard offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the committee on Streets be instructed to enquire into the expediency and necessity of having a way made for foot passengers, either by paving, or by laying flag stones, or by gravelling, on the west side of West Falls avenue, from Pratt street to the drawbridge.

Mr. Lauderman offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the committee on Streets be instructed to enquire into the expediency of paving a small piece of ground on Market space, Fell's Point, where the old engine house formerly stood.

Mr. Blair offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Streets be requested to enquire into the expediency of placing flag stones across Paca street, from the north east corner of Franklin and Paca street.

Mr. Young offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Streets be instructed to enquire into the expediency of opening Eutaw street from Madison to Biddle street.

Mr. Alricks, from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Streets to whom was referred the memorial of Luke Tiernan and others in relation to that part of Light street between Baltimore and Pratt streets—Report, That they have examined said street, and find it in the condition represented by the petitioners, and are of opinion it ought to be regraded and repaved—The proposed change in the grade of Light street will affect slightly the grade of Water street—they have therefore annexed a condition to the regrading and repaving said street, in order to protect the corporation against claims for damages both on Light and Water streets, and accordingly offer the accompanying resolution.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorised and directed to take up the stone pavement in Light street, from Baltimore to Pratt street, and to make such alteration in the grade of said street as the public interest and convenience may require—and also to repave the same, and to repair and replace the necessary curb and flag stones—Provided the whole of the proprietors of property binding on Light street, from Baltimore to Pratt street, and also those binding on that part of Water street to be affected by the proposed change in the grade of Light street shall execute an instrument of writing to be approved of by the Counsellor for the city, and filed in the Register's office, relinquishing all right to damages which might accrue to them or any of them from the city, in consequence of the change in the grade of said streets, and also obligating themselves to repave the footways opposite to or binding on their respective property; and that the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorised, with the approbation of the Mayor, to draw on the Register of the city, for the sum of or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry into effect this resolution, to be taken out of the appropriation for the repair and repavement of streets.

On motion of Mr. Browning, a message was sent to the Second Branch requesting them to reconsider and recede from their dissent to the resolution on the petition of Charles Boston.

Mr. Jones, from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

The committee of Conference on the petition of Maybury Parks, not being able to agree, respectfully submit the subjoined resolution.

Baltimore, Feb. 6, 1832.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
HENRY MYERS,
ELIJAH STANSBURY, jr. } *Commitee of the First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
BALTZER SCHÆFFER, } *Committee of the Second Branch.*

Resolved, That the committee be discharged.

The Port Wardens made a report in compliance with an order from this Branch on the 2d inst. which was read and referred to the committee on the Harbour.

Mr. Jones offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to enquire into the expediency of directing the Register to remove the bank account of this corporation to some banking institution allowing interest on deposits.

A resolution for repaving part of Conway street, was this day handed to the Mayor for approval.

Mr. Alricks presented an act of Assembly to establish the width of Orleans street, which was read and referred to the committee on Streets.

Mr. Jones offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on lighting the city enquire into the expediency of placing an additional number of lamps in Franklin street, between Howard and Charles streets.

The amendments proposed by the Second Branch to the Report of the Committee on Ways and Means, was taken up. Mr. Young offered the following as amendments to their amendment, which was read, and the subject ordered to lie on the table.

Amendments proposed :

1st. In the second line of the amendment of the Second Branch, as printed in the journal, strike out the word "section," and insert these words: "and fourth sections."

2d. Strike out in the 5th line, the word "said," and insert these words: "the third."

3d. Insert after the word "paving tax," the words "pump tax, specific tax on horses and carriages, and road and bridge tax."

4th. Insert after the word "necessary," in the tenth line, these words: "And that the debt contracted by the city on account of the subscriptions to the Baltimore and Ohio and the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road, be excluded from the restrictions contained in the fourth section of said act."

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, February 7, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members.

Mr. Jones from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Jas. A. Lebranthwait, respectfully

Report, That inasmuch as the petitioner proposes to enlarge a frame building, and your committee deeming it inexpedient to grant the request, ask leave to submit the subjoined resolution.

Respectfully,

WM. GWYNN JONES,
HENRY MYERS,
ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr.

Feb. 7, 1832.

Resolved, That James A. Lebranthwait have leave to withdraw his petition, and that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Branch called up the amendments proposed by the Second Branch to the report of the committee of Ways and Means, and the amendments offered by Mr. Young to the amendments of the Second Branch. The latter being the question under consideration, the first amendment was concurred in by the following vote.

Ayes—Messrs. President, Lauderman, Browning, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Myers, Roney, Moale, Munroe, Ridgely, Russell, Jones, Young—16.

Nays—Messrs. Gardner, Baxley, Amoss, Blair, Dushane—5.

Mr. Young offered an additional amendment, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

The question was then taken on the amendments to the amendments, and concurred in by the following vote, and sent to the Second Branch.

Yeas—Messrs. President, Lauderman, Browning, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Myers, Roney, Moale, Munroe, Ridgely, Russell, Jones, Young—16.

Nays—Messrs. Gardner, Baxley, Amoss, Blair, Dushane—5.

A message was received from the Second Branch dissenting from the proposal made by this Branch to refer the petition of G. W. & H. Miller to a special joint committee, and proposing to refer it to the joint committee on the Harbour; also adhering in their dissent to the resolution on the petition of Chas. Boston. This Branch concurred in the proposal of referring the petition of G. W. Miller and others to the joint committee on the Harbour.

The resolution on the petition of Jos. Todhunter, was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed concurred in.

The report of the committee of Conference on the petition of Maybury Parks, was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed concurred in.

A memorial from Alex. Brown and others, relative to the Watch House in North street, was received from the Mayor, and on motion, referred to the committee on Armories.

The following communication was received from the Mayor, which was read, and on motion of Mr. Jones, sent to the Second Branch, with a message proposing to refer it to the joint committee on Ways and Means. The Second Branch concurred by message.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
February 7th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First and Second Branches of the City Council—

I have this morning (through the attention of our delegate P. Laurenson, Esq) received a copy of a memorial presented to the legislature of Maryland, relative to the collection of wharfage on Dugan's and M'Elderry's wharves, which is herewith submitted for your consideration.

By reference to the memorial, I find they say, "that they only ask the same right to their property, that the state enjoys to their own, on the same wharf." I presume the memorialists were unacquainted with the fact, that the state has paid into the city treasury *Three Thousand Dollars*, for the privilege of using, and collecting wharfage, upon the wharf opposite the Tobacco inspection warehouses, and that the city authorities possess the power, whenever they deem it advisable, to fill up the whole dock, by which operation the state would be deprived of the wharf. Under those considerations the amount paid by the state must be considered as ample compensation for the privilege of the wharf.

The memorialists never have, to my knowledge, paid any thing into the city treasury as a compensation for the use of the wharf, and consequently cannot be considered in the same situation as the state is, with regard to the privilege of collecting wharfage opposite to their respective houses or lots. I have thought it my duty to communicate the above to you, and remain,

Yours, very respectfully,

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

Mr. Myers from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

The committee to whom was referred the resolution relative to the situation of certain quantity of Powder, take leave to report, that they have had the same under consideration, and are of the opinion that the same is fully provided for by existing ordinances.

The committee submit the accompanying resolution.

Baltimore, Feb. 7th, 1832.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY MYERS,
NOAH RIDGELY, } *Committee.*

Resolved, That the resolution be referred to the Mayor.

Mr. Young asked and obtained leave to present a bill entitled An ordinance for the valuation and assessment of property in the city of Baltimore, which was read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Alricks from the committee, presented the following report and an ordinance relative to paving, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Streets to whom was referred the ordinance in relation to paving, have had the same under consideration, and deem it expedient that the Mayor should possess the authority it confers, and that there should be a standing ordinance authorising the Register to pay to the contractor or contractors, the city's portion of the expenses of paving streets upon which the property of the Corporation may front. They therefore present the ordinance referred, with the amendments annexed.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch.*

Mr. Blair offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Streets be requested to enquire into the expediency of placing flag stones cross Eutaw street, from the south side of Dutch alley and Eutaw street.

A message was received from the Second Branch, informing this Branch of the appointment of Messrs. Mott and Stouffer on the resolution relative to the property of J. Murray; this Branch appointed Messrs. Sanders, Alricks and Roney, and informed the Second Branch by message.

The resolution for inviting the corporate authorities of Frederick to a public celebration, on the 22d inst. was read a second time and concurred in.

Mr. Young offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved further, That a joint committee to consist of five members of the First Branch, and three members of the Second Branch, be appointed to make the necessary arrangements to carry into effect the aforegoing resolution.

Mr. Alricks offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the committee on Streets be instructed to enquire into the expediency of repaving Ensor and Britain streets, from the intersection of said streets at Harford avenue to about two hundred yards east of said point of intersection.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, February 8, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Russell.

Mr. Jones, from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Wm. Eden, asking permission to remove a brick slaughter house, respectfully

Report, That the petitioner is the proprietor of a lot of ground on the road leading to the Ferry Point, on the front of which lot there is now erected a brick slaughter house. He asks permission of the Mayor and City Council to take down said house and place a similar one on the rear, so as to permit him to improve the front of the lot. Your committee believing the request reasonable, and that it ought to be granted, inasmuch as he has the consent of the owners of property adjoining, respectfully submit the accompanying resolution.

Baltimore, Feb. 7th, 1832.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
VALENTINE DUSHANE,
HENRY R. LOUDERMAN.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That William Eden be, and he is hereby permitted to erected a brick slaughter house on the rear of his lot on the ferry road, provided he take down the slaughter-house now standing on the front of said lot.

Resolved, That the petition on the above subject, and the assent of the proprietors of the lots adjoining attached thereto, be filed in the office of the City Commissioners.

Mr. Louderman offered the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the committee on Streets be instructed to enquire into the expediency of repaving or repairing Block street, from the north side of Thames street to the south side of Wilk street.

Mr. Jones offered the following, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Resolved by both branches, That all petitions or memorials requiring an appropriation of money, received after the 20th day of February, be referred to the next annual session.

Mr. Young offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Streets be instructed to enquire into the expediency of improving the present condition of Cider alley, between Howard and Eutaw street, by repaving the same convex with curb stones.

Mr. J. E. Stansbury offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on the Harbour be requested to enquire into the expediency of deepening the water under the drawbridge, and to report to this Branch.

Mr. E. Stansbury, from the committee, presented the following report and a bill entitled A supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance authorising the appointment of watchmen; which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Police to whom was referred so much of the Mayor's communication as relates to increasing the number of officers of the night watch, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully beg leave to report by ordinance.

ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr.
VALENTINE DUSHANE,
WM. RONEY,
} *Committee First Branch.*

SAMUEL MOORE,
WILLIAM REANEY,
} *Committee Second Branch.*

The report of the committee on the petition of Jas. A. Labranthwait was read a second time and concurred in.

Mr. Ridgely offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the committee of Streets be and they are hereby instructed to enquire into the expediency of applying to the legislature of Maryland at its present session, for a law authorising the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to open, widen and straighten streets, lanes and alleys of the city, by ordinance, when applied to for that purpose; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

The resolution instructing the Register to print certain documents, was read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

Mr. Jones offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Streets be instructed to enquire into the expediency of placing flag stones across the north side of Lombard street, at its intersection with Hanover street.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Thursday, February 9, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs. Moale and Russell.

The following communication was received from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
February 9th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council—

I have approved and signed a "resolution for repaving part of Conway street."

Respectfully yours, &c.

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

A communication from J. I. Cohen, Jr. Chairman of the Ward and Corporation delegates to adopt a plan of celebration for the Centennial Anniversary of the birth of Washington, was received from the Mayor, which was read and referred to the Second Branch.

Mr. Sanders from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the seeond time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The committee of Conference relative to the petition of Adams and Kettlewell, not being able to agree, respectfully submit the following resolution.

BENEDICT I. SANDERS,
WM. RONEY,
WM. H. HANSON,
} *Committee First Branch.*

S. MOORE,
HENRY STOUFFER,
} *Committee Second Branch.*

Resolved, That the committee be discharged.

Mr. Gardner offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Streets be instructed to enquire into the expediency of regrading and repaving that part of South

Charles street that lays between Barry and Lee street, and report the same.

A resolution relative to the spring at the intersection of Washington and Gough streets, was received from the Second Branch, which was read and referred to Messrs. Young, Hubbard and Myers.

Mr. E. Stansbury from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The joint committee to confer with the committees appointed by the different wards throughout the city, relative to the celebration of the approaching Centennial Anniversary of the birth day of the illustrious Father of his country, George Washington, take leave to report, that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and that the orders and regulations adopted for the occasion will be submitted to the Council by the Mayor. They offer the following resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr.
WM. GWYNN JONES,
NOAH RIDGELY,
WM. H. HANSON,
} *Committee First Branch.*

SAMUEL MOORE,
WM. REANEY,
WM. INLOES,
M. GRAFTON,
THOMAS SEWELL,
} *Committee Second Branch.*

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Jones offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on lighting the city be and they are hereby instructed to enquire into the expediency of placing an additional lamp in Liberty street, between German and Lombard streets.

Mr. Young offered the following, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to communicate to this Branch the number of persons employed during the past year to carry into effect the ordinances relative to dogs, the number of days each person was so employed, and the compensation paid to each. Also the number of dogs taken up and secured, the number destroyed, and the number redeemed.

The report of the committee on the petition of William Eden was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed concurred in.

The bill entitled A supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance for the appointment of watchmen, was read a second time, passed by the following vote, and sent to the Second Branch.

Yeas—Messrs. President, Browning, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Hanson, E. Stansbury, Roney, Donaldson, Munroe, Ridgely, Baxley, Amoss, Blair, Dushane—14.

Nays—Messrs. Louderman, Alricks, Sanders, Gardner, Jones—5.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Friday, February 10, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Moale.

A resolution permitting William Eden to erect a brick slaughter house, was this day handed to the Mayor for approval.

The resolution for inviting the Corporate authorities of Frederick to a public celebration, on the 22d inst. was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed concurred in with the proposed amendments, viz.

After the word "Washington," in the first resolution, add:

"And that the Register of the City be, and he is hereby authorised to defray the expenses thereof out of the per diem of the members of both branches of the City Council."

Which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and unanimously dissented from.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, a message was sent to the Second Branch requesting them to reconsider and recede from said amendment.

Mr. Jones from the committee, presented the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The joint committee on the Alms-House, to whom was referred the resolution instructing them to enquire into the expediency of applying to the Legislature during its present session, for the passage of a law prohibiting hereafter the introduction of paupers into this city from foreign ports, respectfully

Report, That this city has long been subject to great imposition from the facility with which vagrants and paupers from foreign ports are landed among us, and your committee have heard that it has been the practice for some years in some of the parishes in the thickly inhabited countries of Europe, for all the inmates of their alms-houses, to be sent to this country at the expense of the public, the parishes having them in charge considering it less expense to incur the cost of their passage, than to support them at the public expense in their own country. Your committee believe that the time has now come when it would be right for this corporation to adopt some measures to reme-

dy this imposition; they accordingly submit a memorial to the Legislature, and would respectfully recommend the adoption of the subjoined resolution.

Baltimore, Feb. 1832.

WM. GWYNN JONES, }
GEO. BAXLEY, } *Committee First Branch.*
ALEX. RUSSELL, }

SAMUEL MOORE, }
BALTZER SCHÆFFER } *Committee Second Branch.*

Resolved, That the accompanying memorial be signed in the usual manner, and forwarded to our representatives in the Legislature, and that the mayor be and he is hereby requested to solicit their usual prompt attention in procuring the passage of a law in conformity to the prayer therein stated—and that this subject be referred to the special attention of the committee from the Council now in attendance at Annapolis.

To the General Assembly of Maryland.

The memorial of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore respectfully represents: That the citizens of Baltimore pay a large sum annually for the support of paupers in their alms-house, a greater number of whom are foreigners who have recently come among us. They would respectfully call the attention of your honorable bodies to the manner in which this expense has increased, and some of the impositions to which they are now subject. In some of the very den and thickly inhabited cities of Europe, there are necessarily a gre.. number of vagrants and paupers. Their poor houses soon become filled with the most idle and dissolute of their population, and their attention is directed to the most economical method of relieving themselves of this burthen. As one of the means of accomplishing this object, the parishes having charge of these poor have for some years past been in the habit of paying the passage of these inmates of their alms-houses, to our shores; and as the legislatures of some of our sister states, have authorized the corporations of their Atlantic cities to pass ordinances to prevent their being burthened with the expense of supporting foreign paupers, the consequence has been that the city of Baltimore has incurred a very great expense, by the facility with which they are landed among us. Your memorialists would therefore pray that you will consider the situation in which the citizens of Baltimore are placed; and that you will pass such laws upon this subject as may afford them the relief they desire, and such as you in your wisdom may think proper.

And as in duty bound we will ever pray, &c.

The Second Branch returned the same, endorsed "concurred in with the proposed amendment."

Amendment proposed;

"Strike out the last two lines."

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Young presented the memorial of Charles R. Carroll, praying the city to return to him a certain sum heretofore paid by him as taxes on property improperly assessed to him, which was read and referred to the committee on Claims.

The report of the committee of Conference relative to the petition of Adams & Kettlewell, was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed concurred in.

The resolution requesting information from the Mayor relative to the enforcement of the dog ordinance, was read a second time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Donaldson, from the committee on Ways and Means, offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Collector of the City, on payment of the sum of four hundred dollars to the Register, shall be discharged from all liability for the taxes of the year 1828, except the taxes returned to the Mayor, agreeably to the 8th section of the ordinance entitled An ordinance for collecting the taxes of the city of Baltimore.

Mr. Donaldson from the same committee, presented a bill entitled An additional supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance for the appointment of a Register of the city, and prescribing his duties; which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The Branch again called up the resolution calling on the Mayor for certain information relative to dogs, which was concurred in by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. President, Louderman, Browning, J. E. Stansbury, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Roney, Donaldson, Munroe, Gardner, Ridgely, Baxley, Jones, Young, Amoss, Blair—17.

Nays—Messrs. Hubbard, Myers, Russell, Dushane—4.

Mr. Donaldson from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Mayor's communication of February 7, 1832, report a resolution.

JOHN I. DONALDSON, }
McCLINTOCK YOUNG, } *First Branch.*

F. LUCAS, Jr. *Second Branch.*

Resolved by both branches of the City Council, That the committee of Correspondence be directed to request the delagates from the city of Baltimore to the legislature to oppose the memorial of John McKim, Jr. and others respecting Dugan and McElderry wharves—and that the committee now in Annapolis use their exertions to defeat said memorial.

Mr. Browning offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Streets be requested to enquire into the necessity and expediency of placing flag stones from the west side of the Market House, Fell's Point, to N. W. corner of Market and Shakspeare street.

On motion of Mr. Jones, a message was sent to the Second Branch, proposing when the City Council adjourn this evening, it adjourn to Monday next. The Second Branch concurred by message.

Mr. Myers from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Thomas Janvier, asking permission to store 500 quarter casks gunpowder, on certain conditions,

Report, That they consider that a compliance with the request contained in the application would be inexpedient for the Council to grant. They therefore offer the following resolution.

Baltimore, Feb. 10, 1832.

HENRY MYERS,
WM. H. HANSON,
NOAH RIDGELY,
} *Committee.*

Resolved, That Thomas Janvier be permitted to withdraw his memorial on the above subject—and the committee be discharged.

The report and resolution of the committee of Ways and Means, was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed concurred in with the proposed amendment, viz.

Amendment proposed.

Strike out all the amendments except the 3d section.

On motion of Mr. Young, the resolution as amended in the Second Branch, with the amendments thereto adopted by this branch on the 7th instant, was ordered to be entered on the journal.

The resolution so amended, is as follows:

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the senator and delegates from this city be requested to obtain an Act of Assembly explanatory of the third *and fourth sections* of an act pass-

ed at Dec. Session, 1830, entitled, An additional act relating to the city of Baltimore, so that the following taxes shall not be embraced within the scope of the 3d section, viz: City Poor Tax, City Court Tax, School Tax, County Tax for city purposes, Paving Tax, *Pump Tax, Specific Tax on horses and carriages, and Road and Bridge Tax*—and interest on *such part of the Stock Debt of the city that may have been or may hereafter be created for the payment of instalments on the city's subscription to the capital stock of the Baltimore and Ohio and Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road companies*, giving thereby to the corporation of Baltimore power to lay and raise in any one year from what is known as the direct tax, the sum of one hundred & twenty thousand dollars if necessary, *and that the debt contracted by the city on account of the subscriptions to the Baltimore and Ohio and Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Roads be excluded from the restriction contained in the fourth section of said act.*

Resolved, &c. That the mayor be requested, &c. &c.

The subject was then laid on the table.

Mr. Donaldson, from the committee on Ways and Means, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The committee of Ways and Means to whom was referred the resolution respecting the selling the Fish House and renting the property called the Cove, report,

That they think it inexpedient at this time to legislate on the subject, and therefore report a resolution to be discharged from the consideration of the subject.

10th Feb. 1832.

JOHN I. DONALDSON, } *First Branch.*
McCLINTOCK YOUNG, }

F. LUCAS, Jr. } *Second Branch.*
SAMUEL MOORE, }

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Blair presented the memorial of James Bacon and Patrick Carr, which was read and referred to the committee on Claims.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock Monday afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Monday, February 13, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Russell.

A message was received from the Second Branch adhering to their amendments to the resolution for inviting the corporate authorities of Frederick to a public celebration on the 22d inst.

The resolution instructing the Register to print certain documents, was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed "concurred in."

A resolution appropriating a certain sum for the celebration of the 22d inst. was received from the Second Branch, read a first time and laid on the table.

Mr. Young presented a memorial from Saml. D. Walker relative to the situation of Park lane, which was read and referred to the committee on that subject.

On motion of Mr. Blair, a message was sent to the Second Branch, requesting a committee of Conferenee on the resolution relative to inviting the corporate authorities of Frederick to a public celebration, and appointing for this branch Messrs. Blair, Young and Alricks—The Second Branch appointed Messrs. Moore, Reaney and Stouffer, and informed this branch by message.

A resolution that the joint committee on Streets enquire into the expediency of repaving Wilke street, was received from the Second Branch, read a first time, and laid on the table.

Mr. Sanders presented a petition from George Stever and others, relative to the opening of Pleasant street; which was read and sent to the Second Branch, with a message proposing to refer it to a select joint committee, and appointing for this branch Messrs. Sanders, Myers and Dushane. The Second Branch appointed Messrs. Stouffer and Beatty, and informed this branch by message.

The report of the joint committee relative to the anniversary celebration, was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed concurred in.

The bill entitled An additional supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance for the appointment of a Register of the city and prescribing his duties, was read a second time, ordered to lie on the table, and made the order of the day for Monday next.

The bill entitled An ordinance to provide for certain expenses for the year 1831, &c. was read a second time, passed, and sent to the Second Branch.

The bill entitled An ordinance relative to paving, was read a second time, passed, and sent to the Second Branch.

The branch called up the amendments to the report and resolution of the committee of Ways and Means on the Mayor's annual communication; the question was taken on the amendments offered by the Second Branch, and determined in the negative by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. President, Sanders, Roney, Moale, Gardner, Baxley, Amoss, Blair, Dushane—9.

Nays—Messrs. Louderman, Browning, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Myers, Donaldson, Munroe, Ridgely, Jones, Young—12.

On motion of Mr. Ridgely, a message was sent to the Second Branch requesting a committee of Conference, and appointing for this Branch Messrs. Young, Donaldson and Munroe.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, February 14, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Russell.

The bill entitled A supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance authorising the appointment of watchmen, was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed 'will pass.'

Mr. Blair from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same, endorsed 'concurred in.'

The joint committee of Conference on the resolution relative to an invitation being given to the corporation of Frederick and others, to participate in the approaching celebration of the anniversary of the birth day of Washington, have had the subject under consideration, and recommend that the resolution as adopted in the First Branch be concurred in by both branches. Your committee further recommend the adoption of the annexed resolution.

JAMES BLAIR,
M'CLINTOCK YOUNG, } *First Branch.*
T. P. ALRICKS,

SAMUEL MOORE,
WM. REANEY, } *Second Branch.*
HENRY STOUFFER,

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the sum of nine hundred dollars be appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to bepaid as follows: Five hundred dollars to be paid to the order of J. I. Cohen, Jr. chairman of the General Committee for the celebration of the approaching anniversary of the birth of Washington; and four hundred dollars to be paid to the order of the Commttee of the two branches appointed to invite the Corporation of Frederick and others to participate in said celebration.

A message was received from the Second Branch informing this branch of the appointment of Messrs. Moore, Stouffer and Beatty, the

committee of conference on the resolution reported by the committee of Ways and Means on the Mayor's annual communication.

The following communications were received from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,

February 14th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council—

I have approved and signed a "resolution permitting William Eden to erect a brick slaughter house."

Respectfully yours, &c.

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,

February 14th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council—

In compliance with your resolution of the 10th instant, requesting me "to communicate to you the number of persons employed during the past year to carry into effect the ordinances relative to dogs, the number of days each person was so employed, and the compensation paid to each—also the number of dogs taken up and secured, the number destroyed, and the number redeemed"—I have the honor to transmit the accompanying statement, copied from our records, which gives all the information you require, and am,

Respectfully, yours, &c.

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

Mr. Munroe, from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee to whom was referred that part of the Mayor's communication which relates to the building of Armories, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report, that they are of opinion that the present time is a favorable one for the disposal of the city's property fronting on Holliday and North streets. In case of a sale of this large and valuable lot it is thought the avails will furnish the requisite means, or nearly so, to erect a suitable watch house and armory over the same in the western part of the city, agreeably to the suggestion of the Mayor, and a watch-house and armory and engine house in some suitable place, instead of those now upon the ground proposed to be sold.

But before recommending any thing definite upon the subject, the committee have thought it advisable to ascertain, if practicable, what

amount can be obtained for the property in question; and with this view they offer the following resolution.

ISAAC MUNROE,
M'CLINTOCK YOUNG,
JOHN E. STANSBURY, } *Committee First Branch.*

SAMUEL MOORE,
WM. INLOES, } *Committee Second Branch.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register is hereby authorised and directed to advertise for proposals to be received by him until the 10th day of March next, for purchase or leasing of the city's lot of ground fronting on Holliday and North streets, adjoining the property of James Wilson.

The Second Branch returned the bill entitled An ordinance relative to paving, and the resolution for closing the taxes of 1828, endorsed, the former "will pass," the latter "concurred in."

On motion of Mr. Young, the branch suspended the rule relating to the appointment of committees so far as related to the chairman of a committee of invitation to the corporate authorities of Frederick, and a ballot being taken, John B. Morris, Esq. was unanimously elected chairman.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Hubbard, Young, Jenkins and Munroe also on the committee, and informed the Second Branch by message. The Second Branch appointed Messrs. Moore, Grafton and Inloes, and informed this branch by message.

The resolution respecting Dugan's and M'Elderry's wharves, was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed concurred in with the proposed amendment, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Amendment proposed.

Strike out the whole of the resolution and substitute the following:

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Senator and Delegates in the legislature from the city of Baltimore be requested to oppose the memorial of John M'Kim, Jr. and others respecting Dugan's and M'Elderry's wharves.

Resolved, &c. That the Mayor be requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to the Senator and Delegates aforesaid.

Mr. Sanders presented a petition from Nicholas Smith and others relative to a bridge over Jones' Falls at Monument street; which was read and sent to the Second Branch with a message proposing to refer it to a joint committee, and appointing for this branch Messrs. Sanders, Jones and E. Stansbury. The Second Branch appointed

Messrs. Stouffer, Moore and Reaney, and informed this branch by message.

Mr. E. Stansbury from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The joint committee on Police to whom was referred the resolutions requesting said committee to enquire into the expediency of reducing the number of City Bailiffs to twelve, and to take from them the informer's part of the fines, have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that it would be inexpedient to reduce the present number, or take from them the informer's part of the fines, and take leave to report by resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr.
WM. RONEY,
VALENTINE DUSHANE, } *Committee First Branch.*

SAMUEL MOORE,
WILLIAM REANEY, } *Committee Second Branch.*

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

A bill entitled A further supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance to preserve the health of the city of Baltimore, was received from the Second Branch, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Mr Blair asked and obtained leave to present a bill entitled An ordinance relative to fines imposed by city ordinances, which was read a first time and 50 copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sanders from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first time, and 50 copies of the act of assembly ordered to be printed in pamphlet form.

The joint committee to whom was referred the petition of George Steever and others, relative to the opening of Pleasant street, have had that subject under consideration, and are fully of the opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted; they therefore beg leave to report by resolution, which is respectfully submitted.

BENEDICT I. SANDERS,
HENRY MYERS,
VALENTINE DUSHANE, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
JAS. BEATTY, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the act of Assembly passed at December session, eighteen hundred and

thirty-one, entitled "An act to open and extend Pleasant street, in the city of Baltimore," be and the same is hereby approved of.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, February 15, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs. Myers, Moale, Russell and Young.

The bill entitled A further supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance to preserve the health of the city of Baltimore, was read a second time. Mr. Hubbard moved to strike out the word "immediate" in the 10th line of the 3d section; which was concurred in, and the bill as amended was passed and sent to the Second Branch.

Mr. E. Stansbury offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the City Commissioners be directed to enquire into the expediency of filling up Wilk street near Jones' Falls, so as to remove from the bed of said street a large pond of water which prevents the use of the street at this time, and report the result of their examination to this branch.

The resolution for disposing of the city property on Holliday street was read a second time, concurred in and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same, endorsed concurred in.

Mr. Jones offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

Resolved by both branches of the City Council, That a joint committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of applying to the legislature during its present session for the passage of an act to prohibit the introduction into this city of free negroes from other cities and states.

Mr. Browning offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Streets be requested to take into consideration the necessity and expediency of repaving or repairing Caroline street from Wilk to Fleet streets, Fell's Point.

The following enrolled bills were handed to the Mayor for approval:

The resolution for closing the taxes of 1828;

The resolution respecting Dugan's and M'Elderry's wharves;

The resolution making an appropriation for the centennial anniversary;

A supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance authorising the appointment of watchmen; and

An ordinance relative to paving.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Thursday, February 16, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Young.

The following communication was received from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,

February 16th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council—

I have approved and signed "An ordinance relative to paving"—"a supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance authorising the appointment of watchmen"—"a resolution making an appropriation for the Centennial Anniversary"—also "a resolution respecting Dugan's and M'Elderry's wharves"—and likewise "a resolution for closing the taxes of 1828."

Respectfully yours, &c.

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

The enrolled resolutions for disposing of the city property on Holliday street, and for approving an act of assembly relative to the opening of Pleasant street, were this day handed to the Mayor for approval.

The resolution relative to the opening of Pleasant street, was read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same, endorsed concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing when the City Council adjourn this evening it adjourn to Monday next. The Second Branch concurred, and informed this branch by message.

The bill entitled An ordinance relative to fines imposed by city ordinances, was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Hubbard, ordered to lie on the table.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock Monday afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Monday, February 20, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs. Browning, Russell, Moale and Young.

Mr. Alricks presented the memorial of the Impartial Humane Society, asking an appropriation for the purchase of a house for the use of the society—which was read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

A report from the City Commissioners in compliance with a resolution of the 15th inst. was received and read.

Mr. Alricks presented the petition of Edward Lavancy and others, relative to ten pin alleys, which was read and referred to the committee on Police.

Mr. Jenkins on behalf of Mr. Young, who was confined to the house from indisposition, asked leave for him to be discharged from the committee of arrangement for the celebration on the 22d inst. Mr. Jones was substituted for him.

Mr. Alricks presented an act of assembly relative to shutting up part of Holland street, which was read and referred to the committee on Streets.

Mr. Hubbard from the committee, presented the following report, and a bill entitled An ordinance to fill up Albemarle street dock, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on the Harbour, to whom was referred that part of the Mayor's annual communication relative to filling up Albemarle street dock, have had the same under consideration, and take leave to report by ordinance, which is respectfully submitted.

Feb. 20th, 1832.

WM. HUBBARD,
WM. H. HANSON,
LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS, } *Committee of the First Branch.*

JAS. BEATTY,
WM. INLOES, } *Committee of the Second Branch.*

The following communication was received from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,

February 20th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council—

I have approved and signed a "resolution relative to the opening of Pleasant street"—and also a "resolution for advertising of the city property on Holliday street."

Respectfully yours, &c.

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

A communication from William Winchester, Superintendant Baltimore Water Company, was received from the Mayor, which was read and referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. E. Stansbury offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be directed to fill up Wilke street, near Jones' Falls, where now a pond of water lays, so as to make it passable, and to defray the expence out of the appropriation for the harbour, provided the expence does not exceed one hundred dollars.

Mr. Blair offered the following, which were read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Streets be requested to enquire into the expediency of placing flag-stones from the south west corner of Bank lane and Calvert street (opposite the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank) cross Calvert street, and nearly opposite the book-store of Joseph Robinson.

Resolved, That the committee on Lighting the City be requested to enquire into the expediency of placing a lamp at the north east corner or intersection of Cove and Pratt street; also a lamp at or near Clifford's pump on Pratt street, near Cove street.

The bill entitled An ordinance relating to fines imposed by City ordinances, was read a second time and ordered to lie on the table.

The resolution that the joint committee on Streets enquire into the expediency of repairing Wilke street, was read a second time, concurred in, and returned to the Second Branch.

The resolution appropriating a certain sum for the celebration of the 22d inst. was read a second time, dissented from, and returned to the Second Branch.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, February 21, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs. E. Stansbury and Young.

Mr. Jenkins offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Public Schools be, and they are hereby directed to inform this branch, whether it will be in their power during the ensuing spring, to establish a public school in the south end of the Eighth Ward.

On motion of Mr. Munroe, a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing with their concurrence that when the City Council adjourn this evening it adjourn to Thursday next. The Second Branch concurred, and informed this branch by message.

A petition from the Firemen's Association was received from the Mayor, and read and referred to the committee on Fire Companies.

Mr. Hubbard, from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on the Harbour, to whom was referred that part of William Patterson's communication relative to deepening the navigation of the harbour on the east side of his wharf, Fell's Point, have had the same under consideration, and find that the evil complained of is already amply provided for. Your committee ask to present the answer of the Port Wardens to the order of the First Branch of the City Council on this subject, as part of their report, which is respectfully submitted.

Feb. 21st, 1832.

WM. HUBBARD,
WM. H. HANSON,
LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS, } *Committee of the First Branch.*

JAS. BEATTY,
WM. INLOES, } *Committee of the Second Branch.*

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORT WARDEN'S OFFICE,
6th February, 1832.

To the First Branch of the City Council—

Gentlemen—

The order of your Branch in relation to "deepening the navigation of the harbour on the east side of Mr. Patterson's wharf," &c. has been received, and the Port Wardens in compliance with said order, Report:—

That the resolution No. 25 of 2d March, 1831, has not escaped their observation, but the machines were engaged by express direction of the Mayor and City Council at the heads of sundry docks, agreeably to the 40th section of an ordinance to preserve the navigation, &c. approved April 3d, 1826.—In Jones' Falls and the City Dock agreeably to a clause in the general appropriation bill of 1831, making an appropriation for deepening and improving the harbour—and at the southern termination of Washington street, F. P. in conformity to the resolution No. 35, approved April 3d, 1829; and also in raising gravel for Bowly's wharf. Those several objects occupied the horse dredging machines throughout the year, and the steamer could not be worked at the place designated in your order; the Port Wardens were therefore compelled to defer operating at that place until the coming spring, when it is hoped that nothing will interfere to prevent the removal of the obstructions complained of.

Very respectfully, your obt. servts.

JOHN N. MURPHY,
JNO. DUKEHART,
JAMES CURLEY.

Mr. Blair offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Streets be requested to enquire into the expediency of placing flag-stones from the north east corner of Paca and Saratoga street, across Paca street to the north west corner.

Mr. Donaldson presented the petition of Jno. L. Lafitte and others for flag stones, which was read and referred to the committee on Streets.

A resolution authorising the Corporation to purchase a lot of ground from John Murray, was received from the Second Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, dissented from, and returned to the Second Branch.

Mr. Donaldson from the committee, delivered the following report, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The committee of Ways and Means submit to the cosideration of the Council an estimate of expenditures and receipts for the year 1832.

EXPENDITURES.

For claims on treasury, 1st January, 1832, per statement of Register 17th Jan'y.		$18,290 16	
Appropriation of last year for gas and oil lamps, - - - - -		1,843 50	
Commissioners of Finance, for rent of city property, 1831, -	$576 74		
Public Schools for rent of Alms House, - - -	150 00		
		726 74	
			$20,860 40
For interest on city debt, - -		-	35,000 00
Sinking Fund, - - -		-	6,000 00
Watching and lighting the city, -		-	30,000 00
Erection of lamps, - - -		-	1,000 00
Salaries of officers, - - -		-	18,300 00
Diary of City Council, - -		-	4,200 00
Harbour, - - - -		-	25,000 00
Fire Companies, - - -		-	4,275 00
Printing, Stationary and Incidentals, -		-	1,700 00
Payment of ground rents—City Hall, -		$306 00	
Lexington Market,		228 00	
Run alley, -		12 50	
Fleet street, -		14 80	
			561 30
Health Department, - - -		$2,500	
Cleaning streets, - - -		5,000	
Removing Nuisances, - - -		1,200	
Repairs of Pumps and Wells, - -		6,000	
" Paved Streets, - -		2,000	
" Unpaved do. - -		200	
Cross streets, including $4,172 62 now due,		8,000	
Repairs of Bridges, - - -		1,000	
" Public Wharves, - -		600	
" Sewers, including balance now due,		250	
" Fire plugs, - -		150	
Expenses of elections, - -		360	
Newspaper printers, - - -		450	
Water rents—Centre Fountain, -	$450		
Fish & Hanover Markets,	40		
		490	
Widows and orphans of wounded poor, -		300	
Fuel, - - - - - -		250	
Flag and stepping stones, - -		200	
(Carried over.)			146,896 70

(Amount brought forward,)		$146,896 70
Assessors of specific tax and additional assessment,	450	
Winding and oiling Town Clock,	50	
Repair Alarm Bell,	40	
		29,490 00
Special appropriations passed:		
Cutting ice from harbour,	$450	
H. Most,	20	
Centennial celebration,	900	
		1,370 00
		$177,756 70
Borrowed in anticipation of the revenue of 1832, per ordinance No. 36, approved April 25, 1831,		18,000 00
		$195,756 70

RECEIPTS.

Specific Tax,		$2,000
Tax on Ordinaries,		8,000
Licenses to Retailers,		1,000
" in general,		9,000
Tax on Circus and Theatre,		1,000
" Dogs,		500
Market Rents,		9,000
Tonnage from Collector,		2,000
" Harbour Master,		6,000
Permit Duties,		1,500
State, from Auction duties,		20,000
Dividends from B & O. Rail Road,		5,000
" Turnpike Companies,		1,000
Storage on Gunpowder,		700
Weighing Hay,		1,300
Establishment of Boundaries,	$200 00	
Seals,	250 00	
Fines in general,	400 00	
Contingent sources,	1000 00	
Levy for this year for sundry expenses, &c. passed First Branch,	18,676 89	
Balance in treasury, 1st Jan. 1832,	6,681 65	
		27,208 54
		$95,208 54
To be provided from taxes 1832,		100,548 16
		$195,756 70

A tax of 3 per cent. on assessment of $3,351,055, will yield $100,531 65. No further appropriations can be made unless other means

are suggested. The sum of $18,676 89, which it is intended to take from the levy for sundry expenses, will render it unnecessary to increase the direct tax, as that sum will suffice to pay for the arrearages of last year.

But the Committee remind the Council that a direct tax cannot be levied whilst the act of Assembly passed at last session remains unrepealed or unaltered. The tax bills already passed and reported are as follows:

City Court,	40 cts.	
" Poor,	50 cts.	
Sundry expenses,	90 cts.	
To be reported:		
Public schools,	12½ c.	
	1.92½ on the assessment	
of $3,569,493, will yield - - -		$68,712 74
To which add Highways and Bridges, 50c. on $176,642, - - - - - -		883 21
		$69,595 95
Amount of limitation by act of Assembly,		120,000 00
Leaves - - - - -		$50,404 05

to be raised by direct tax. The committee has purposely excluded in their estimates, the taxes for special objects, as the proceeds are appropriated solely to the purposes for which they are laid.

JNO. I. DONALDSON, } *First Branch.*
SAML. MOALE, }

F. LUCAS, Jr. *Second Branch.*

On motion of Mr. Gardner, the Branch reconsidered the resolution authorising the corporation to purchase a lot of ground from John Murray, and it was ordered to lie on the table.

At four o'clock P. M. the two branches assembled in the chamber of the First Branch agreeable to previous arrangement. for the reception of the Mayor and City Council and strangers from Frederick, who had been invited by the corporation of Baltimore to unite with them in celebrating the centennial anniversary of the birth of the illustrious Washington. At 6, the guests were announced by his Honor the Mayor of the City, and severally introduced to the members of the Corporation, and invited to meet at the City Hall at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, for the purpose of joining in the celebration of the day.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Thursday, February 23, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Young.

Mr. Jones presented the petition of Samuel Brown to finish a frame building, which was read and referred to the committee on Fire Companies.

A communication from John Scott, Esq. was received from the Mayor, which was read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

The bill entitled An ordinance to fill up Albemarle street dock, was read a second time, and after being amended, was passed and sent to the Second Branch.

The resolution discharging the committee on the Harbour from further considering a certain subject, was read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

Mr. Jones presented the memorial of Alex. M'Donald for permission to complete a frame building, which was read and referred to the committee on Fire Companies.

On motion of Mr. Jenkins, the Branch reconsidered the resolution discharging the committee on the Harbour from further considering a certain sublect, when Mr. Jenkins offered the following as a substitute, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same, endorsed concurred in.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Port Wardens be, and they are hereby directed to carry into effect the object of resolution No. 25, of last session, approved March 2d, 1831, on or before the first of June next, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable.

The two branches met in convention, and after sitting a short time, adjourned.

Mr. Blair offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Streets be requested to enquire into the expediency of repairing Chatsworth run, at its junction with Run alley.

Mr. Donaldson from the committee, delivered the following report, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The committee of Ways and Means to whom was referred the letter of John Scott, esq. report a resolution.

JNO. I. DONALDSON, } *First Branch.*
SAML. MOALE, }

F. LUCAS, Jr. } *Second Branch.*
S. MOORE, }

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Counsel for the city be, and he is hereby directed to enter an appeal on behalf of the city, from the decision of the Chancellor, in the case between Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and Cumberland Dugan.

Mr. Jenkins, from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The committee appointed to take into consideration so much of the Mayor's annual communication as relates to the fish houses, beg leave to report in part.

LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS, } *Committee*
BENEDICT I. SANDERS, } *of the*
GEO. BAXLEY, } *First Branch.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorised to rent for a term not less than one, nor more than five years, from the first of May next, the property belonging to the city, on the south side of the basin, known as the fish houses, with the grounds attached thereto, or separately, and at such rate or rates as he in his discretion may deem advantageous to the city, provided the same be not previously sold.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Friday, February 24, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Young.

Mr. Roney presented a petition from Jacob Daley relative to an alteration in the railing of Market street bridge leading to his Bazaar, which was read, and on motion of Mr. Roney, a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing to refer it to a special joint committee, and appointing on the part of this branch Messrs. Roney, Dushane and Hanson. The Second Branch assented, and appointed Messrs. Stouffer and Inloes, and informed this branch by message.

Mr. Hanson from the committee of Claims, submitted the following report and resolution on the memorial of Wm. Winchester, Superintendant Baltimore Water Company, which was read and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Claims to whom was referred a communication from W. Winchester, Superintendant Baltimore Water Company, setting forth a claim against the Corporation, Report:

That your committee find on examination of the account accompanying this report, that the claim as stated is correct, amounting to the sum of thirty-eight dollars and sixty-four cents, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Baltimore, Feb. 24th, 1832.

WM H. HANSON, } *Committee from First*
SAML. MOALE, } *Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER, *Committee from Second Branch*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register be, and he is hereby authorised and directed to pay to W. Winchester, Superintendant of Baltimore Water Company the sum of thirty-eight dollars and sixty-four cents.

Mr. Hanson, from the same committee submitted the following report and resolution, on the petition of Wm. D. M'Kim, which was read a first, and by special order a second time. Mr. Jenkins moved the words "without prejudice." in the last line, be stricken out, which was concurred in. The report was then laid on the table.

The committee on Claims to whom was referred the petition of William D. M'Kim, beg leave to Report—

That the claim for damages made by the petitioner is the first which has been presented under the act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at December session, 1818, Chapter 198, and although in itself not of much importance in amount, yet involves a principle, which if adopted might lead to heavy demands upon the corporation, and therefore deserves attention.

In the case under consideration it appears that no notice whatever was taken of the claim by the petitioner until the 23d January, 1823, and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the petitioner's claim, your committee are of opinion that great injury may be done or will be produced, if the claim should be allowed to be paid in the form it now presents itself. Upon reference to the proceedings of the Commissioners and of Baltimore county court, filed and exhibited with the petition of William D. M'Kim, it appears that the Commissioners have not ascertained and returned to Baltimore county court the respective amounts or proportion to be paid by persons interested in the adjacent property benefitted by the new grading and consequent manner of improving streets, lanes and alleys mentioned in the act of 1818, chap. 198. The Mayor and City Council are only required to provide for satisfying the said damages and expenses when ascertained as mentioned and required by the said act, and when ascertained the Mayor and City Council are to pay one third part thereof, and cause the other two parts to be assessed levied and collected on the property ascertained to be benefitted by the opening of Pratt street, under the act passed for that purpose, and in proportion to such benefits as ascertained by Baltimore county court, and then to be paid over to persons entitled to receive the same.

Until the provisions of the act of 1818, chap. 198, shall be complied with, your committee are of opinion that the subject matter of the said petition of Wm. D. M'Kim, and his claim mentioned therein cannot be acted upon by this corporation without great prejudice. All of which is respectfully submitted with the following resolution.

Baltimore, Feb. 24th, 1832.

WM. H. HANSON, } *Committee of*
SAML. MOALE, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER, *Com. Second Branch.*

Resolved, That the said petitioner, W. D. M'Kim, have leave to withdraw his petition, without prejudice.

Mr. Hanson, from the same committee, submitted the following report and resolution on the memorial of Edward Green, which was read and laid on the table.

The committee on Claims to whom was referred the memorial of

Edward Green, after examination into the merits of the claim, beg leave to report the accompanying resolution.

Baltimore, Feb. 24th, 1832.

WM. H. HANSON, } *Committee of First*
SAML. MOALE, } *Branch.*
HENRY STOUFFER, *Com. Second Branch.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register be, and he is hereby authorised to pay to Edward Green, the sum of three hundred and thirty dollars and fourteen cents for the erection and paving a stone tunnel over Chatsworth run at Penn street.

Mr. Hanson, from the same committee, submitted the following report and resolution on the petition of Charles R. Carroll, which was read and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Claims to whom was referred the petition of Charles R. Carroll, Report—

That after examination of the claim as presented in the prayer of the petitioner, accompanied by the certificate of the Collector of this Corporation, which sets forth the several sums paid by said Carroll for taxes each year commencing with 1824 and ending with 1831, inclusive, and amounting to the sum of ninety-four dollars, which has been paid and collected in error, your committee are of opinion that it is a fair and just one, and therefore present the following resolution for adoption. All which is respectfully submitted.

Baltimore, Feb. 24th, 1832.

WM. H. HANSON, } *Committee of First*
SAML. MOALE, } *Branch.*
HENRY STOUFFER, *Com. Second Branch.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register be, and he is hereby authorised and directed to pay to Chas. R. Carroll the sum of ninety-four dollars, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

Mr. Hanson from the same committee, submitted the following report and resolution, on the memorial of Joseph Townsend, Jno. Hillen and Geo. Decker, which was read and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Claims to whom was referred the memorial of Joseph Townsend, John Hillen and Geo. Decker, Report—

That after a full examination of the claim set forth by the petitioners in an account of interest accompanying this report, that it is just and right that the sum charged should be paid by this Corporation—therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Baltimore, Feb. 24th, 1832.

WM. H. HANSON, } *Committee of First*
SAML. MOALE, } *Branch.*
HENRY STOUFFER, *Com. Second Branch.*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register be and he is hereby authorised to pay to Joseph Townsend, John Hillen, and George Decker, the sum of two hundred and forty dollars and twelve cents, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

Mr. Hanson from the same committee, submitted the following report and resoletion on the petition of Alexander Mitchell, which was read and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Claims to whom was referred the memorial of Alexander Mitchell, Report—

That they are of opinion that it is inexpedient to comply with the prayer of the petitioner;

1stly. Inasmuch as your committee do not consider the evil complained of to have originated through any means or agency of this corporation.

2dly. That the expenditure made has been upon the private property of said Mitchell; and

3dly. That although a purchase was made by the Mayor and City Council of a certain Martin Bowers, and a conveyance made, yet it has been ascertained that there was no right vested in said Bowers, so that the money so paid has been a loss to the city.

All which is respectfully submitted, with the subjoined resolution.

Baltimore, Feb. 24th, 1832.

WM. H. HANSON, } *Committee of First*
SAML MOALE, } *Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER, *Com. Second Branch.*

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Alex. Mitchell, and that said petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Mr. Hubbard from the committee on the Harbour, submitted the following report, resolution, and memorial, which was read a first, and by special order a second time, and concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same endorsed concurred in, with the proposed amendment.

Amendment proposed :

After the name of B. C. Howard, insert "and John T. H. Worthington," which was concurred in.

The committee on the Harbour to whom was referred a resolution instructing them to enquire into the expediency of applying to Congress during its present session, for an appropriation to aid in deepening and preserving the harbour, ask leave to Report,

That they have attentively and maturely considered the subject, and are of opinion that such an application is in the highest degree ne-

cessary and proper. They have accordingly prepared a memorial, for which they solicit your favorable consideration, and they recommend the adoption of the subjoined resolution.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Feb. 24th, 1832.

WM. HUBBARD,
WM. H. HANSON,
LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS, } *Committee First Branch.*

JAS. BEATTY,
WM. INLOES, } *Committee Second Branch*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Memorial to Congress, prepared by the Committee on the Harbour, be properly authenticated as the act of this corporation, and that two copies be made out, one to be forwarded to the Honorable Samuel Smith of the Senate, and the other to the Hon. B. C. Howard and John T. H. Worthington of the House of Representatives, and that they be requested to advocate and promote the prayer of the memorial.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled:

The memorial of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, respectfully sheweth—

That one of the principal objects of the official care and solicitude of your memorialists, is the preservation of the harbour of this city. It cannot be unknown to your honours, that from the peculiar locality of our city, the harbour is constantly receiving from our streets and the adjacent hills and tributary streams, deposites of earth which neither the force of our tides, nor any other natural cause, is sufficient to remove.

Feeling the essential and vital importance of the harbour to the healthful commercial existence of the city, our predecessors in office in the year 1798 appropriated a large sum of money to counteract by artificial means, the impending ruin; and constructed machines to remove the deposites from the bed of the harbour, and to preserve a sufficient depth of water to float the ordinary vessels engaged in our trade. For these purposes it has been found necessary ever since, to keep several of such machines in constant employment, and within a few years past, we have erected at great cost, a steam machine of twelve horse power, to accomplish the same objects with greater facility and effect.

All these expedients, whilst they have proved only a partial remedy, have involved a heavy expenditure of the money of our citizens. The state of Maryland seeing that this is a subject of equal interest to herself as it is to us, has extended to us a liberal but insufficient aid.

Considering, therefore, that the protection and encouragement of commerce is one of the peculiar duties of the national legislature: that the port of Baltimore has been a large tributary to the national treasury: that the heavy burthens borne by our citizens in this particular are incurred for the general good as well as for their own advantage, and that an appropriation which would be scarcely felt by the nation, would be to us and to our fellow-citizens, essentially serviceable, your memorialists respectfully ask and confidently hope, that the Congress of the United States will contribute liberally to their relief.

In the present state of our city finances, such relief would be especially acceptable. Heavily involved by our engagements to assist in the construction of the magnificent works of Internal Improvement, so spiritedly undertaken by our fellow-citizens, and tending in their results to promote the general good of the nation, as well as our own local benefit, by invigorating our trade and extending our commerce: with an absolute debt of nearly a million of dollars, partially the consequence of our efforts to preserve our harbour in a useful and salutary condition, we are induced by these circumstances and by the evident justice of the proposition, to invite the national government to contribute to the preservation of our harbour. It will doubtless occur to your honours, that our anxiety on this subject must be necessarily of great intensity. To the harbour, we owe the very being of the city of Baltimore;—without it the city would sink to insignificance and be quickly deserted; it is the only source of her municipal importance, the exclusive support of her commercial enterprize, and the sole channel through which has flowed her tributary millions to the public revenue.

We believe it will be conceded to us, that whenever the nation has called for assistance either in men or in money, Baltimoreans have neither been the last to offer nor the worst to perform, at least their equitable quota. With equal truth, we think it may be said, that they have never appealed to the mere favour and generosity of the nation, and but seldom even to her justice.

In the present instance, believing that the useful existence of one of the principal harbours and ports of entry in the United States, is a subject of momentous interest to the general government, that the nation has a deep concern in the condition of such a harbour; and that the limited means of this city, with the addition of the grants of the state are inadequate (even if it were fair and equitable we should bear the whole expense) to its proper preservation, and the procuration of the necessary apparatus and vessels to effect that object, we ask it of the intelligence and justice of Congress, to make a contribution proportionate to the amount of national interest involved.

That your honours may understand the extent of our expenditures in this behalf, we have appended to this petition, "A statement of the amounts expended by the Mayor and City Council in deepening and preserving the harbour of Baltimore, in the several years from 1798 to 1831, both included."

For the reasons above stated, your memorialists respectfully pray, that the necessary relief may be granted, and that an act may be passed, appropriating such a sum of money either annually or in gross, to be applied to deepen and preserve the harbour of Baltimore, as to your wisdom and justice may seem right and proper.

And your memorialists will ever pray, &c.

APPENDIX.

A statement of the amounts expended by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, in deepening and preserving the Harbour of Baltimore, in the several years from 1798 *to* 1831, *both included.*

1798,	-	$5,533 91	1815,	-	$6,499 55
1799,	-	800 00	1816,	-	14,357 36
1800,	-	2,274 63	1817,	-	25,708 49
1801,	-	466 66	1818,	-	28,114 96
1802,	-	5,369 44	1819,	-	21,747 26
1803,	-	7,171 48	1820,	-	15,515 10
1804,	-	8,457 48	1821,	-	20,202 60
1805,	-	6,276 12	1822,	-	31,040 63
1806,	-	8,530 78	1823,	-	30,483 62
1807,	-	10,158 38	1824,	-	22,339 82
1808,	-	5,585 29	1825,	-	20,927 18
1809,	-	5,385 72	1826,	-	31,308 06
1810,	-	5,716 08	1827,	-	29,895 51
1811,	-	4,510 46	1828,	-	24,250 67
1812,	-	4,172 99	1829,	-	29,607 63
1813,	-	5,019 02	1830,	-	25,000 00
1814,	-	7,707 91	1831,	-	25,000 00
		$93,136 35			$401,998 44
					93,136 35
					$495,134 79

A message was received from the Second Branch, proposing that when the City Council adjourn this evening, it adjourn till Monday next, which was read a first, and by special order a second time, concurred in, and the Second Branch informed by message.

Mr. Alricks from the committee on Streets, submitted the following report, and a bill entitled An ordinance relative to Orleans street, which was read the first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Streets, to whom was referred the act of assembly relative to that part of Orleans street lying east of Canal street, respectfully report, that said street was laid out and located by the Commissioners appointed under the act of 1817, ch. 148, at sixty-ty-six feet wide, and the proprietors of lots have leased and improved accordingly; subsequently an act passed establishing the width at for-

ty feet—no improvements, however, have been made on said street at forty feet wide. Your committee therefore deeming it for the public convenience and benefit that said street should remain at its former width, viz. sixty-six feet, herewith report an ordinance approving of the act of assembly referred, which repeals the act fixing the width at forty feet.

Since the passage of the act fixing the width at forty feet, the Commissioners have paved this street sixty-six feet wide, not being aware, or having overlooked the second act. The levy thus made to defray the expence of paving said street being illegal and unauthorised, a section is therefore annexed to the ordinance herewith reported, in order to protect the Corporation against the recovery of the money paid into the Treasury under the levy for a street sixty-six feet wide, when the act of assembly established it at forty.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch.*

Mr. E. Stansbury, from the committee on Police, submitted the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order a second time, and concurred in.

The joint committee on Police, to whom was referred so much of the Mayor's communication as relates to fire crackers, have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that it would be inexpedient to legislate on the subject at this time. Therefore beg leave to report by resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELIJAH STANBURY, Jr.
WM. RONEY,
VALENTINE DUSHANE, } *Committee First Branch.*

SAMUEL MOORE,
WM. REANEY, } *Committee Second Branch.*

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Alricks submitted the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order a second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby requested to return to this branch the amount they have paid to individuals for superintending the paving in the city of Baltimore within the last two years; the times at which these amounts were paid, and whether as a per diem or by the job—if by the day, designating the days

on which services were rendered, for which payment has been made, and the amount for each day.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock Monday afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Monday, February 27, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Young.

The following communication was received and ordered to be entered on the journal.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
BALTIMORE, Feb. 24, 1832.

JOHN B. MORRIS, Esq. *President*
of the First Branch of the City Council—

SIR:

The Commissioners of Public Schools acknowledge the receipt this day of the resolution of the First Branch of the City Council of the 21st inst. directing the Board to inform the branch, "whether it will be in their power during the ensuing spring, to establish a public school in the south end of the Eighth Ward." In reply to which, the Commissioners have the honor to state, that aware of the great necessity and importance of a school in that section of the City or its immediate vicinity, they are exceedingly desirous to erect there, forthwith, a building for children of both sexes; and also a building for a Female School in the 3rd or 4th Ward, as heretofore stated in in their late annual Report to the Council; but it will entirely and solely depend on the funds which may be placed at their disposal from the proceeds of sale of the old Alms House property—the tax of the present year being only sufficient for engagements already entered into, for the completion of the building now erecting at the corner of Green and Fayette streets, and towards supporting current expenses. Unless, therefore, the means be given them as above, no additional building can be erected, or school be established during this year.

On behalf of, and by order of the Board,

Yours, very respectfully,

J. I. COHEN, Jr. *Sec'y.*

A communication from the City Commissioners in pursuance of a resolution of this Branch on the 24th inst.; and

Also a communication from William Meeteer on behalf of the Union Line of Steam Boats, were received and severally read and referred to the committee on Streets.

Mr. Hanson offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Streets be requested to enquire into the expediency of placing flag-stones across Asquith street, at its northern intersection with Orleans street.

Mr. Jones from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Markets, to whom was referred the resolution of enquiry into the expediency of providing for the more thorough cleansing of the several markets, respectfully Report,

That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and as one of the means of accomplishing this very desirable object, report in part the following resolutions, which are respectfully submitted.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
HENRY MYERS,
VALENTINE DUSHANE, } *Committe of First Branch.*

WILLIAM REANEY,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Committee Second Branch.*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby directed, to have the fire plug now standing in the Fish Market, removed to the centre of the two upper markets of the Centre Market, in Second street, and also that they cause two rows of bricks to be placed on edge along the entire line of the inside of both the said markets, at the distance of six feet from the inner part of the stands occupied by the butchers, as a line beyond which no person shall be allowed to place any impediment —and also that they cause to be procured 150 feet of good and substantial hose to suit the said fire plug, as an additional means of keeping the said markets in a clean condition.

Further Resolved, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby directed to have the three markets at the Centre Market painted, (except the stalls occupied by the butchers) and the ceilings thereof whitewashed in a workmanlike manner.

Further Resolved, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby directed to have the fire plug now standing at the north-east corner of Hanover and Camden street removed to the inside of the square of the Hanover market, and that they cause to be procured 100 feet of good and substantial hose to suit said fire plug as an additional means of keeping said market in a clean condition.

Resolved, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorised to draw upon the Register, with the approbation of the Mayor, for the sum of $650, or so much thereof as may be required to carry the foregoing resolutions into effect, and the Register is hereby authorised to pay the same out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

Mr. Alricks presented the petition of Chas. Howard and others for a lamp, which was read and referred.

The report of the committee on Claims on the petition of Alexander Mitchell; and

The report of the same committee on the memorial of William Winchester, superintendant Baltimore Water Company;

Were severally read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same endorsed concurred in.

Mr. Alricks from the committee on Streets, presented the following, which were severally read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Streets, to whom was referred the petition of Ignatius Boarman and others, Report—That the prayer of the petitioners is reasonable and ought to be granted. They therefore submit the subjoined resolution.

Feb. 27th, 1832.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
JOSHUA MOTT,
RICHARD BEVAN, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorised and directed to cut down and level Chatsworth street, immediately beyond the present pavement on said street, at George street, conformable to the established grade thereof, so as to prevent the overflow of water occasioned by the obstructions at the end of the stone pavement on said Chatsworth street; and they are hereby authorised to draw on the Register of the city, with the approbation of the Mayor, for any sum not exceeding to defray the expense thereof, to be taken out of the appropriation for the repairs of unpaved streets.

The joint committee on streets, to whom was referred the act of assembly relative to a part of Forest street, respectfully report,—That this street was laid out under the act of 1817, ch. 148, but has never been opened. This act provides, that in case any improvements shall be made upon the lots to be taken for the opening of the streets, after being thus laid out, the party making the same shall not be entitled to damages, although the street is not to be opened until the consent of the proprietors of two thirds of the property binding upon the street is first obtained; the consequence is, that this act has operated with peculiar injustice, and has been severely felt by the individuals owning the lots through which that part of Forest street, mentioned in the act of assembly referred to your committee, passes. This act authorises

the shutting of this street with the consent of the Mayor and City Council—Your committee do not deem the opening of this street necessary to the public interest or convenience, and as it is unlikely that it would ever be opened, not to approve of this act would deprive an individual the use of his property, and would be perpetuating injustice. We accordingly report herewith a resolution approving of the act affording him relief.

Feb. 27th, 1832.

T. P. ALRICKS, JAMES BLAIR, GEORGE GARDNER, } First Branch.

HENRY STOUFFER, RICHARD BEVAN, JOSHUA MOTT, } Second Branch.

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the act of Assembly passed at the present Dec. session of the legislature of Maryland, entitled "An act for shutting up a certain part of Forest street extended, in the city of Baltimore," be and the same is hereby approved of.

The joint committee on Streets to whom was referred the petition of Wm. Lorman and others relative to obstructions in Pine street, respectfully Report,—That the part of Pine street complained of by the petitioners, and which they ask may be filled up, is private property, in the opinion of your committee, although said street was laid out and located under the act of 1817, ch. 148, it has never been opened, and until opened, the ordinances of the corporation cannot be extended over it, and they are they are therefore not bound to fill it up. Entertaining this opinion, your committee submit the subjoined resolution.

T. P. ALRICKS, JAMES BLAIR, GEORGE GARDNER, } First Branch.

HENRY STOUFFER, JOSHUA MOTT, RICHARD BEVAN, } Second Branch.

Resolved, by both branches of the City Council, That the joint committee on streets be, and they are hereby discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Wm. Lorman and others relative to obstructions in Pine street, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

The joint committee on streets, in accordance with the resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of improving the appearance of the sewers on Charles street, at the south east and south west corners of Ruxton lane, and to call on the city commissioners to report the probable cost of the same, respectfully Report,—That hav-

ing examined the condition of said sewers, they deem it inexpedient to recommend any change in relation to them at the present time.

If hereafter it should become necessary to repave that part of Charles street, or to make any alterations in Ruxton lane, either by shutting up or extending the width of said lane, it might then be well in altering these sewers, to make them conform in appearance with the sewer on Hanover street—at this time there is nothing to justify the proposed change.

Your committee therefore have not asked the commissioners to report the probable cost of the same, but ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and with that view have herewith reported the subjoined resolution.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved, by both branches of the City Council, That the joint committee on streets be, and they are hereby discharged from the further consideration of the resolution relative to the sewers in Charles street.

The joint committee on streets, in obedience to the resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of levelling and grading Bond street, from Baltimore street to Pitt street, Report—That the deficiency in the funds of the corporation render it inexpedient at the present time, and accordingly submit the subjoined resolution.

Feb. 27th, 1832.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch*

Resolved, by both branches of the City Council, That the joint committee on streets be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of grading and levelling Bond street from Baltimore to Pitt street.

The joint committee on streets to whom was referred the petition of A. Welsh, relative to that part of Saratoga street between Pearl street and Run alley, and the counter petition of Luke Tiernan and others, Report—That they deem it inexpedient to repave said street concave as prayed for by the first named petitioner, but are satisfied some alteration should be made therein, in order to prevent the water from being thrown on private property: as the best means of ac-

complishing this object and to prevent an overflow of water on said street, your committee report the subjoined resolution.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorised and directed, to raise the curb stones on each side of Saratoga street, between Pearl street and Run alley, three or four inches higher than they are at present, and to repave the gutters of the same after the mode that has been recently adopted;—And they are hereby authorised to draw on the Register of the city, with the approbation of the Mayor, for any sum not exceeding to defray the expense of the same. Provided, the proprietors of property binding on the aforesaid part of Saratoga street, oblige themselves to repave the footways in front of their respective property.

The joint committee on streets, to whom was referred the petition of Basil S. Elder and others, relative to Dutch alley, Report,—That they have examined said street and deem it expedient that the alteration mentioned in the subjoined resolution should be made therein, and report accordingly.

February 27th, 1832.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorised and required to take up and repave the gutters, after the mode recently adopted, on Dutch alley, from Eutaw to Paca street, and also to repair the stone pavement on the same; and they are hereby authorised to draw on the Register of the city, with the approbation of the Mayor, for any sum not exceeding to defray the expense thereof, to be taken out of the appropriation for the repairs of paved streets.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, the resolution relative to filling up Wilk street was referred to the committee on the Harbour.

A bill entitled A further supplement to an ordinance entitled An or-

dinance to preserve the health of the city, &c. was received from the Second Branch, read a first time and laid on the table.

The report of the committee on Police relative to firing crackers, was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed concurred in.

The resolution for repaving part of Gay street, was read a second time. Mr. Dushane moved to amend by striking out the words "to the west side of Potter street," in the 7th line, and insert "as far east to the point where Gay street widens," which was concurred in by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. President, Louderman, Myers, Moale, Donaldson, Munroe, Ridgely, Russell, Jones, Baxley, Amoss, Dushane, Blair—13.

Nays—Messrs. Browning, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Hanson, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Roney, Gardner—9.

Mr. Blair moved to add at the end of the amendment, "the East end of Exeter street," which was dissented from by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. Browning, J. E. Stansbury, Hanson, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Roney, Gardner, Blair.—9.

Nays—Messrs. President, Louderman, Hubbard, Myers, Moale, Donaldson, Monroe, Ridgely, Russell, Jones, Baxley, Amoss, Dushane—13.

The blank was then filled with $1100, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The resolution for repaving part of Light street was read a second time. On motion, the blank was filled with $1577 50-100, and the resolution ordered to lie on the table.

The enrolled resolution directing the Port Wardens to perform a specified duty; and the resolution directing the Counsellor for the city to take an appeal in the case between the Mayor and City Council and Cumberland Dugan, were this day handed to the Mayor for approval.

The report of the joint committee on claims on the petition of Joseph Townsend, John Hillen and George Decker, was read a second time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Amoss from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

The joint committee on Health to whom was referred the resolution of the 23d January, requesting an enquiry into the expediency of dividing the city into four sections, and of providing a place in each section where the night carts assigned to each shall deposite their loads, Report,—That they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion it would be inexpedient, the city not having any lands which could be set apart for such purpose. Your committee there-

fore, pray to be discharged from the subject, and offer the following resolution.

Baltimore, Feb. 27th, 1832.

CORBIN AMOS,
NOAH RIDGELY,
HENRY R. LOUDERMAN, } *Committee of the First Branch.*

WILLIM RONEY,
M GRAFTON, } *Committee of the Second Branch.*

Resolved, That the Joint Committee on Health be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution referred to them on the subject of dividing the city into four sections, for the purposes therein stated.

The report of the committee on claims on the petition of Chas. R. Carroll, was read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

Mr. Jones from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Alexander Macdonald, for permission to complete a frame building, having had the same under consideration, ask leave to Report,

That the petitioner is the owner of a lot of ground on Lerew's alley near Richmond street, upon which lot he commenced the erection of a frame building about the 15th December, 1831. That at that time there was no ordinance to prevent the erection of frame buildings without the old limits of direct taxation. On the 24th of January, the Council passed an ordinance prohibiting the erection of frame buildings within the limits of direct taxation as lately extended, which limits included the lot of ground as aforesaid. The commissioners in the discharge of their duty, stopped the progress of the building so soon as the law was passed, and the petitioner now prays permission to finish the said house, inasmuch as it was considerably advanced before the passage of the ordinance. Your committee believing that the operation of the law would be oppressive in this case, think the request ought to be granted, they therefore respectfully submit the following resolution.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
HENRY MYERS,
ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr. } *Committee.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That Alexander Macdonald be and he is hereby permitted to finish his frame building, now erecting on Lerew's alley near Richmond street, any thing in any ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

Mr. Gardner from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Schwarzauer, take leave to report, that they find that the City Commissioners have sold a part of the sand fronting the petitioner's lot, to Mr. Cox, and think the prayer of the petitioner for the remainder fronting his lot is reasonable and ought to be granted. They therefore submit the following resolution.

Respectfully,

GEORGE GARDNER,
BENEDICT I. SANDERS,
ALEX. RUSSELL,
} *Committee.*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That Daniel Schwazauer have permission to take from Hughes street the sand, in front of his lot, after the claim of Mr. Cox is satisfied for sand sold him by the city commissioners, provided he gives to the city commissioners satisfactory security that the dirt made by the removal of the sand be removed from said street without delay.

The report of the committee on claims on the memorial of Edward Green, was read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The bill entitled An ordinance relative to Orleans street, was read a second time, passed and sent to the Second Branch.

Mr. Jones from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first time, and laid on the table.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Saml. Brown, asking permission to finish a frame building, respectfully Report:

That the petitioner commenced the erection of a frame building at the corner of Richmond and Cathedral streets, on or about the 3d of January, 1832, at which time there was no ordinance to prevent such erections at that place; that on the 24th January a law was passed by the Mayor and City Council, preventing the erection of frame buildings within the limits of direct taxation as lately extended, which embraced within its scope the lot of the petitioner. That the City Commissioners, in the discharge of their duty, stopped the progress of said building, and the petitioner asks permission to finish it. Your committee believing the request to be reasonable inasmuch as the building was commenced before the ordinance was passed, they therefore respectfully submit the following resolution.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
HENRY MYERS,
ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr.
} *Committee.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That Samuel Brown be and he is permitted to finish his frame building, now erecting at the corner of Richmond and Cathedral streets, any thing in any ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

Mr. Donaldson from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in and sent to the Second Branch.

The committee of conference on the resolution from the committee of Ways and Means on the subject of direct taxation, report a resolution as a substitute for the resolution referred to them, and recommend its adoption.

JNO. I. DONALDSON,
ISAAC MUNROE, } *First Branch.*

SAMUEL MOORE,
HENRY STOUFFER,
JAS. BEATTY, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Senators and Delegates in the legislature be requested to obtain an act of assembly explanatory of the 3d section of an act passed at December session, 1830, entitled "An additional act relating to the city of Baltimore," so that power may be given to the Mayor and City Council if necessary, to lay and raise in any one year from what is called the direct tax one hundred and twenty thousand dollars, thereby excluding City Poor, City Court, School, County Tax for City purposes, Paving Tax, Pump Tax, Specific Tax, Road and Bridge Tax, and the interest on the rail road stock, and also repealing the remainder of said *third* section, and the whole of the *fourth* section, but reviving or keeping in force the limitation of one million of dollars, as made in the act of 1817, chap. 148. sec. 7.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, February 28, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs. Jenkins and Young.

Mr. Jones asked and obtained leave to present a bill entitled An ordinance to provide for the compensation of the keeper of the powder house, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Hubbard from the committee, presented the following reports and resolutions, which were read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on the Harbour to whom was referred a resolution of the 27th January, 1832, requesting enquiry into the propriety of establishing a port wardens' line in the Ferry Branch of the Patapsco, take leave to report its inexpediency at this time, and offer the accompanying resolution for adoption.

28th February, 1832.

WM. HUBBARD, } *Committee*
WM. H. HANSON, } *First Branch.*

JAS. BEATTY, } *Committee*
WM. INLOES, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of this subject, and that it be referred to the next annual session of the City Council.

The joint committee on the Harbour to whom was referred a resolution introduced on the 27th January, 1832, requiring information as to the propriety of having that part of Jones' Falls, between Finn's and Mitchell's bridges, walled up, Report—

That by reference to an ordinance passed at February session of the City Council, 1826, it will be found by the 5th section of that ordinance ample provision is made to meet the case—therefore offer the following resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

28th February, 1832.

WM. HUBBARD, } *Committee*
WM. H. HANSON, } *First Branch.*

JAS. BEATTY, } *Committee*
WM. INLOES, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of this subject, and that it be referred to the City Commissioners.

The joint committee on the Harbour to whom was referred that part of the Mayor's annual communication relative to filling up President and Wilke streets, have had the subject under consideration, and take leave to report by resolution, which is respectfully submitted.

28th Feb. 1832.

WM. HUBBARD, } *Committee*
WM. H. HANSON, } *First Branch.*

JAS. BEATTY, } *Committee*
WM. INLOES, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Port Wardens be, and they are hereby authorised and directed to proceed forthwith to fill up President and Wilke streets with sediment taken out the Falls and Basin, sufficiently high to receive the rails of the rail road.

The report of the joint committee on Claims on the petition of Chas. R. Carroll and Edwd. Green, was returned from the Second Branch, severally endorsed concurred in.

Mr. Louderman offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the committee on lighting the city be instructed to enquire into the expediency of placing a lamp at the north east corner of Canal and Pinkney streets, and also of placing a lamp at the south east corner of Canal and East Baltimore streets.

Mr. Blair presented the memorial of Patrick Reilly and others, which was read and referred to the committee on Police.

The enrolled resolution approving a memorial to Congress on the subject of the Harbour; and the resolution for the payment of a claim to the Baltimore Water Company, were this day handed to the Mayor for approval.

The two branches met in convention, and after setting a short time, adjourned until tomorrow.

The report of the committee of conference on the subject of direct taxation, was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed concurred in with the proposed amendment, viz. After the word stock, add "exclusive of any dividends thereon," which was concurred in.

The resolution discharging the committee of Health from further considering a subject therein mentioned, was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed concurred in.

The report of the committee on the petition of Alexander M'Donald;

The resolution approving an act of assembly therein mentioned;

The report of the committee on the petition of Saml. Brown;

Were severally read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

Mr. E. Stansbury from the committee, presented the following report and a bill entitled An ordinance to restrain certain transient musical exhibitions, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Police to whom was referred the resolution relative to restraining musical exhibitions, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report by ordinance.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr.
VALENTINE DUSHANE,
WM. RONEY,
} *Committee First Branch.*

SAMUEL MOORE,
WM. REANEY,
} *Committee Second Branch.*

The report of the committee on the petition of William D. M'Kim;

The resolution relative to Bond street;

The resolution for cutting down and levelling Chatsworth street; were read a second time, severally concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The resolution relative to petitions, was amended by striking out 20th February and inserting the 15th March;

The resolution for raising the curb stones on Saratoga street; were severally read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, February 29, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Young.

Mr. Hanson offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Streets be requested to enquire into the expediency of placing flag-stones across Water street, at its western intersection with Exeter street.

The bill entitled An ordinance to provide for the compensation of the keeper of the powder magazine, was read a second time. Mr. Amoss moved to postpone the subject indefinitely.

Yeas—Messrs. President, Hubbard, Hanson, E. Stansbury, Munroe, Russell, Baxley, Amoss, Blair—9.

Nays—Messrs. Louderman, Browning, J. E. Stansbury, Alricks, Sanders, Myers, Roney, Moale, Gardner, Ridgely, Jones—11.

Determined in the negative.

The question being taken on the final passage of the bill, it was passed by the following vote, and sent to the Second Branch.

Yeas—Messrs. Louderman, Browning, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Myers, Roney, Moale, Gardner, Ridgely, Russell, Jones—14.

Nays—Messrs. President, Hanson, Munroe, Baxley, Amoss, Blair —6.

Mr. Hubbard from the committee, presented the following report and resolution.

The committee on the Harbour to whom was referred the resolution of the First Branch of the City Council, of 8th Feb. 1832, requiring information relative to deepening the water under the drawbridge, have had that subject under consideration, and take leave to Report—

That in answer to a communication of the committee to the Port Wardens on this subject, they state that it will be impossible to deepen or remove the bar under the same, unless the bridge should be re-

moved or differently constructed. Your committee therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the said resolution.

Feb. 20th, 1832.

WM. HUBBARD, } *Committee*
WM H HANSON, } *First Branch.*

JAS. BEATTY, } *Committee*
WM. INLOES, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved, That the committee be discharged.

Mr. Amos presented the petition of Saml. D. Walker and others, which was read and referred to the committee on Streets.

Mr. Sanders presented the petition of Robert Howard and others, in reference to a bridge over Jones' Falls to connect Hillen and Pleasant street, which was read and referred to the committee on Bridges.

A bill entitled A supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance for the appointment of Managers of the House of Refuge, was received from the Second Branch, read a first time and laid on the table.

The report of the joint committee on Claims on the petition of John Hillen, Jos. Townsend and George Decker, was read a second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The report of the committee on so much of the Mayor's annual communication as relates to the fish houses, was read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

Mr. Amoss from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The joint committee on Health, to whom was referred the resolution of the 13th January, and the petition of William Armor and others, relative to Bowers' sewer or run, take leave to report, that their attention has been directed to the same, and as the committee have just reason to believe the assent of the proprietors of the property bordering on the said sewer could not be obtained to have it filled, graded and paved, and it being a natural water course, your committee are of opinion the corporation have not power to remedy the evils complained of. They therefore submit the accompanying resolution.

February, 1832.

CORBIN AMOS,
NOAH RIDGELY,
HENRY R. LOUDERMAN, } *Committee First Branch.*

WM. REANEY,
M. GRAFTON, } *Committee Second Branch.*

Resolved, That the joint committee on Health be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report and resolution permitting Danl. Schwarzauer to remove the sand from Hughes street, was read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

A bill entitled A further supplement to an ordinance relative to the officers of the city, was received from the Second Branch, read a first time and laid on the table.

The two branches met in convention, and after setting some time, adjourned.

The enrolled resolution for erecting and paving a stone tunnel over Chatsworth run;

The resolution requesting the Senator and Delegates in the legislature to obtain an act of assembly for the purposes therein set forth;

And the resolution in favor of Chas. R. Carroll, were this day handed to the Mayor for approval.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Thursday, March 1, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Young.

Mr. Blair presented the petition of Jno. Reese and Archd. George, Executors of Wm. Trimble, which was read and referred to the committee on Fire Companies.

The resolution discharging the committee on the Harbour from further considering a certain subject, was read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

Mr. Hanson presented the petition of Wm. H. Freeman and others, which was read and referred to the committee on Streets.

Mr. Blair, presented the petition of Jno. D. Miller for an increase of his salary as assistant clerk of the Lexington market, which was read and referred to Messrs. Blair, Dushane and E. Stansbury.

The following communications were received from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
February 29th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council.

I have approved and signed a "resolution approving a memorial to Congress, on the subject of the harbour"—"a resolution directing the City Council to take an appeal in the case between the Mayor and City Council, and Cumberland Dugan"—and also a "resolution for the payment of a claim to the Baltimore Water Company"—and likewise a "resolution directing the Port Wardens to perform a specific duty."

Respectfully yours, &c.

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
March 1st, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council.

I have approved and signed a "resolution requesting the Senator and Delegates in the legislature to obtain an act of assembly for the purposes therein set forth"—also a "resolution in favor of Chas. R. Carroll,"—and likewise a "resolution for erecting and paving a stone tunnel over Chatsworth Run."

Respectfully, yours, &c.

WM. STEUART, Mayor.

The President having retired for the evening, Mr. Jenkins was called to the chair.

The report of the committee on the Harbour relative to establishing a Port Wardens' line, was read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

A communication from P. Laurenson and Jesse Hunt, esq. was received from the Mayor, read and referred to the Second Branch.

The bill entitled An ordinance for the appointment of a Register and prescribing his duties, was read a second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Jones gave notice he should call it up tomorrow

The bill entitled An ordinance to provide for the compensation of the keeper of the powder house, was returned from the Second Branch endorsed "will not pass."

The resolution discharging the committee on the Harbour from further considering a certain subject was read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The report of the committee on Markets was read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The resolution for purchasing a lot of ground of John Murray was read a second time. Mr. Jones moved to add after the words fee simple, in 8th line, "clear of all incumbrances," which was concurred in. Mr. Jones moved a further amendment by adding after the word incumbrances, "and arrears of taxes and imposition of all descriptions or nature whatsoever," which was concurred in. The resolution as amended was concurred in, and returned to the Second Branch.

A resolution relative to the Charles street spring, was received from the Second Branch, read a first time and laid on the table.

The report of the joint committee on Claims on the petition of Wm. D. M'Kim;

The report of the committee on the establishing a Port Warden's line in Ferry Branch;

The report of the committee for walling Jones' Falls;

The resolution discharging the committee on Health from further considering a certain subject;

The resolution discharging the committee on the Harbour from further considering a certain subject;

The report of the committee on so much of the Mayor's annual communication as relates to the Fish Houses; and

The resolution permitting Daniel Schwarzauer to remove sand from Hughes street;—were returned from the Second Branch, severally endorsed concurred in.

Mr. Donaldson presented a memorial from Wm. Howard and others for a rail road track; which was read and referred.

The resolution for repaving the gutters on Dutch alley; and

The resolution relative to Pine street, were read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The bill entitled An ordinance relative to Orleans street, was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed will pass.

The report of the committee on Markets was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed concurred in with the proposed amendments, viz. After the word markets, add "houses" in the 2d line of the 2d resolution, which was concurred in.

The resolution for repaving Light street was read a second time—Mr. Ridgely offered the following substitute, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorised and directed, to take up the stone pavement in Light street, from Mercer to Pratt streets, and to repave the same and to repair and replace the necessary curb and flag stones on said street, and to draw on the Register of the city, with the approbation of the Mayor, for the sum of eight hundred and sixty-eight dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry this resolution into effect, to be taken out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Friday, March 2, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs. Donaldson and Young.

The President presented the petition of Henry Payson and others, asking leave to extend a rail road; and

Mr. Russell the petition of Jacob Wolf, asking leave to remove a frame building;—which were severally read and referred.

Mr. Jones from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of John Reese and Archibald George, ask leave to Report—

That the petitioners, executors of the estate of William Trimble, deceased, have in charge a lot of ground on Franklin street, upon which there now stands a brick dwelling house; on the west of these premises there is a frame house now tenanted by a cooper. They allege that the cooper by occupying the adjoining building to the one they have in charge, subjects it to great danger from fire in consequence of the sparks from the chimney lodging upon the back building, and pray the Mayor and City Council will adopt some measures to protect their property from the danger they apprehend. Your committee are not aware of any ordinance of this corporation which will embrace this subject, and believing it entirely without the jurisdiction of the Council, are under the necessity of submitting the following resolution.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
HENRY MYERS,
ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr. } *Committee.*

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John Reese and Archd. George, executors of Wm. Trimble, deceased.

Mr. Roney from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The special joint committee to whom was referred the petition and the accompanying draught of Jacob Daley, having considered the same are of opinion the proposed alteration would add to the conveni-

ence and beauty of that part of the Bridge, and the expense being borne by himself, they think the prayer of the petitioner reasonable, and submit the accompanying resolution.

WM. RONEY,
WM. H. HANSON,
VALENTINE DUSHANE, } *Committee First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
WM. INLOES, } *Committee Second Branch.*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That Jacob Daley be permitted to make the alteration his petition proposes, agreeable to the details of its accompanying draught, provided a suitable passage be preserved leading to the water of Jones' Falls for the use of the public.

The resolution relative to petitions was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed dissented from.

The resolution for raising the curb stones on Saratoga street;

The resolution relative to Bond street;

The resolution for repaving part of Gay street;

The resolution relative to Pine street;

The resolution approving an act of assembly therein mentioned;

The resolution for repaving the gutters on Dutch alley; and

The resolution for cutting down and levelling Chatsworth street—were returned from the Second Branch, severally endorsed concurred in.

The report of the committee on the petitions of Samuel Brown and Alex. M'Donald, were returned from the Second Branch, severally endorsed concurred in with the proposed amendment, which was concurred in.

Amendment proposed:

Add at the conclusion "said house having been commenced before the passage of the ordinance prohibiting the erection of frame buildings within the new limits of direct taxation."

Mr. Jenkins presented a communication from Charles Varle proposing a plan for the purification of the water in the wells and springs, which was read and referred to the committee on Health.

A message was received from the Second Branch proposing when the City Council adjourn this evening it adjourn to Monday next; this branch concurred, and informed the Second Branch by message.

The bill entitled An ordinance relative to fines imposed by city ordinances, was read a second time and determined in the negative by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. J. E. Stansbury, Hanson, E. Stansbury, Roney, Blair—5.

Nays—Messrs. President, Browning, Louderman, Hubbard, Alricks, Sanders, Myers, Munroe, Jenkins, Gardner, Ridgely, Russell, Baxley, Amoss, Dushane—15.

Mr. Alricks offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and on motion of Mr. Jones, it was indefinitely postponed.

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council, That the Register be, and he is hereby requested to return to this Branch the amount of money on hand or in bank on the first and last days of the months of October and June, respectively, for the five years immediately previous to January, 1831.

A resolution relative to the wall at Charles street spring, was received from the Second Branch, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The following enrolled bills were handed this day to the Mayor for approval.

An ordinance relative to Orleans street;

A resolution permitting Danl. Schwarzauer to remove sand from Hughes street;

A resolution relative to repairing the market houses; and

A resolution authorising the Mayor to rent the fish houses.

The bill entitled An ordinance for the appointment of a Register, and prescribing his duties, was read a second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Jenkins offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the committee on Streets be, and they are hereby instructed to enquire into the expediency of placing flag-stones across South Charles street, at its northern and southern intersection with Lombard street.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock Monday afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk*.

Monday, March 5, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Young.

Mr. Blair from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The joint committee to whom was referred the memorial of Rezin B. Simpson and others, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report, that they have given to the subject that attentive investigation which from its importance it is so justly entitled to, and find that the acts of assembly on the subject are susceptible of constructions which forbid your committee taking on themselves a decision; the existing ordinances afford no relief to the memorialists—they therefore offer the following resolution.

JAMES BLAIR,
WM. H. HANSON,
LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS, } *1st Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN, } *2d Branch.*

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial.

Mr. Baxley offered the following, which was read a first and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on lighting the city enquire into the expediency of placing a lamp at the intersection of Mulberry and Park streets.

Mr. Sanders offered the following, which was read a first and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on lighting the city be requested to enquire into the expediency of placing one or more lights in Harford avenue, formerly Britain street.

Mr. Ridgely offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the committee on Police, be, and they are hereby requested to enquire into the propriety and expediency of fixing by ordinance, the rate of speed beyond which it shall not be lawful for mail coaches or public stages to pass through the streets, lanes and alleys of the city, and to report by bill or otherwise.

The resolution on the petition of Jacob Daley was read a second time. Mr. Blair moved to amend by adding, that the said improvement be executed under the supervision of the City Commissioners, which was concurred in. The resolution on motion of Mr. Jenkins was laid on the table.

The bill entitled An ordinance to restrain certain musical exhibitions was read a second time, passed by the following vote, and sent to the Second Branch.

Yeas—Messrs. President, Louderman, Browning, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Hanson, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Myers, Roney, Munroe, Gardner, Jenkins, Ridgely, Russell, Baxley, Jones, Amoss, Blair, Dushane—20.

Nays—Messrs. Alricks, Moale, Donaldson—3.

Mr. Alricks from the committee on Streets, presented the following, which were read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on streets to whom was referred the resolution instructing them to enquire into the expediency of repaving Cider alley, convex with curb stones, Report—That the situation of this alley requires that some change should be made therein, and they are of opinion it ought to be repaved convex with curb stones, and report accordingly.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER,
} *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT,
} *Second Branch.*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorised and directed to take up the stone pavement on Cider alley from Eutaw to Howard street, and to repave the same convex with curb stones; and they are hereby authorised to draw on the Register of the city, with the approbation of the Mayor, for any sum not exceeding
or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expense of the same.

The joint committee on streets to whom was referred the act of assembly relative to a part of Holland street, respectfully Report,—that this street was laid out under the act of 1817, ch. 148. The time that

has elapsed since the passage of this act renders it improbable, therefore, that it would ever be opened under it, and the individuals owning lots to be taken for the opening of this street have already been deprived sufficiently long of the use of their property, in the opinion of your committee, without any public benefit or convenience—the crying injustice done to individuals in cases of this kind have already been presented to the Council in previous reports. The act of assembly referred to your committee affords relief in the case of Holland street, a section of which makes it necessary for this corporation first to approve of it before it goes into effect. In accordance with the sentiments above expressed your committee have herewith reported the subjoined bill.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch.*

The joint committee on streets to whom was referred the resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of repaving that part of Charles street between Barre and Lee streets, Report,—That they have examined said street, and are of opinion it ought to be repaved. They therefore herewith report the accompanying resolution.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN, } *Second Branch*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorised and directed to take up the stone pavement on Charles street, from Barre to Lee streets, and to repave the same, and they are hereby authorised to draw on the Register of the city, with the approbation of the Mayor, for any sum not exceeding or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expense of the same.

Mr. Hubbard from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on the Harbour take leave to report the following resolution, which is respectfully submitted.

March 5th, 1832.

WM. HUBBARD,
WM. H. HANSON,
LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS, } *First Branch.*

JAS. BEATTY,
WM. INLOES, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register be, and he is hereby authorised, with the approbation of the Mayor, to pay to the orders of the Port Wardens, out of the harbour appropriation, one thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of purchasing and keeping up the supply of timber for the use of the harbour.

The report of the committee on President and Wilk street was read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

Mr. Jones offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be, and they are hereby instructed to enquire into the expediency of levying a direct tax upon annuities and bank stocks, so as to make the holders thereof contribute to the support of the city, and relieve real estate by lessening the taxes thereon to the amount levied upon the articles above enumerated.

Mr. Ridgely offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Markets and Market Houses be, and they are hereby requested to enquire into the expediency of selling the stalls in the Centre Fish Market House.

The following communication was received from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
March 5th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council.

I have approved and signed "an ordinance relative to Orleans street;" also a "resolution authorising the Mayor to rent the Fish Houses"—likewise a "resolution relative to repairing the market houses" —and also a "resolution permitting Daniel Schwartzauer to remove sand from Hughes street."

Respectfully yours, &c.

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

Mr. Jones from the committee, presented the following report and a bill entitled An additional supplement to an ordinance relative to the markets, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Markets ask leave to Report—

That on inspecting the situation of the different markets, and enquiring into the manner of conducting them, they find that it is impossible under the existing ordinances to prevent imposition being practised relative to the licenses to hucksters. These licenses are procured of the Register at such time as the parties interested may think proper to apply for them, so that there is no uniform time for the issuing or ex-

piration of them. When the licenses expire they are frequently not renewed, and the clerks of the markets not having this matter in their charge, consequently not aware of their expiration, do not charge them a rent as is done to those persons who do not take out licenses. By these means many persons occupy the markets without contributing to their support. The attention of the committee has been directed to the best method of remedying this omission, and they would respectfully submit the accompanying ordinance to accomplish that object, convinced as they are that its adoption will considerably increase the revenue from the markets, in which opinion they are confirmed by that of some of the most active clerks of the markets.

Respectfully submitted.

Baltimore, March 5th, 1832.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
HENRY MYERS,
VALENTINE DUSHANE, } *Committee First Branch.*

WILLIAM REANEY,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Committee Second Branch.*

Mr. Jenkins offered the following, which was read a first and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Additional Rule.

All amendments offered to any bill or resolution before the Branch, shall be inserted at length in the journal, with the name of the mover of any such amendment, and whether it be adopted or rejected.

The two Branches met in convention, and after sitting a short time, adjourned.

The resolution relative to Light street was read a second time; the question recurred on the substitute offered by Mr. Ridgely, which was assented to, and the resolution as amended was concurred in and sent to the Second Branch.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, March 6, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs. Moale, Young, and Dushane.

The following enrolled bills were handed to the Mayor for approval:

A resolution permitting Samuel Brown to finish a frame building;

A resolution approving an act of Assembly therein mentioned;

A resolution permitting Alex. M'Donald to finish a frame building;

A resolution for cutting down and levelling Chatsworth street;

A resolution for repaving the gutters on Dutch alley.

A resolution for repaving part of Gay street; and

A resolution for raising the curb stones on Saratoga street.

The Second Branch returned the bill entitled An Ordinance to restrain certain transient musical exhibitions, endorsed will pass with the proposed amendments, which were twice read and concurred in.

Amendments proposed:

In the 2d line 1st section, after the word "any" insert "individual or," and after the word "on" in third line insert "any instrument or."

Mr. Jones from the committee delivered the following report, which was read a first and by special order the second time and concurred in.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Wolfe ask leave to report,

That the petitioner asks permission to remove a frame building to another part of the same lot, so as to enable him to improve the front by erecting a good brick house. Your committee considering the request reasonable, and that the Council ought to furnish every facility for the erection of good brick buildings within our city, particularly when it can be done without causing an injury to any one, they therefore offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

Baltimore, March 6th, 1832.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr. } *Committee.*
HENRY MYERS,

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That Jacob Wolfe be and he is hereby permitted to remove his frame building on Peace alley from the position it now occupies, to about 15 feet in a south-east direction as prayed for in his memorial to the City Council:—Provided however, that the assent be first had and obtained in writing from the owners of the lots adjoining, and that the same be filed in the office of the City Commissioners.

Mr. Hubbard from the committee delivered the following, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on the Harbour take leave to report the following resolutions, which is respectfully submitted.

March 6th, 1832.

WM. HUBBARD,
WM. H. HANSON, } *First Branch.*
LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS,

JAS. BEATTY,
WM. INLOES, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorised to borrow, from time to time, from the Commissioners of Finance, individuals, or corporate bodies, in anticipation of the receipt of money from the auction duties from the Treasurer of the Western Shore of Maryland, for the preservation and improvement of the harbour of Baltimore, any sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars; and that on the receipt of the said amount of twenty thousand dollars from the treasurer, the Mayor shall immediately apply the same, or so much thereof as may be necessary to discharge the loan or loans hereby authorised.

Resolved, That the Register be and he is hereby authorised to anticipate the amount to be received for the year 1832, from the state of Maryland, under the act of Assembly, passed 1827, ch. 111, for the purpose of deepening and improving the harbour of Baltimore; and he is hereby authorised to pay to the orders to the Port Wardens, with the approbation of the Mayor, from any unappropriated money in the treasury, such sums as may be expended under authority of any ordinance or resolution making appropriations for deepening and improving the harbour of Baltimore, during the year 1832.

The resolution directing the Register to pay certain money was read a second time. Mr. Hubbard moved to strike out $1000 and insert $1500, which was assented to. The resolution as amended was concurred in and sent to the Second Branch.

Mr. Alricks from the committee delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first and by special order the second time.

The joint committee on Streets to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Harden and others, relative to repaving Bottle alley from Sharp street to Howard street, report that they have examined said street, and deem it inexpedient to repave it at the present time, and accordingly report the accompanying resolution.

March 7th, 1832.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved, by both Branches of the City Council, That the joint committee on Streets be and they are hereby discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Samuel Harden and others, relative to a part of Bottle alley; and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

Mr. Jones offered the following amendment; when on motion of Mr. Jenkins the subject was laid on the table.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby directed to take up the stone pavement in Bottle alley, between Sharp and Howard streets, and repave the same convex with curb-stones: Provided however, that before the said pavement shall be taken up, the property holders on the said alley shall, by an instrument of writing to be approved by the Counsel of the city, bind themselves to pay one half the expense which may be incurred in the proposed alteration.

Resolved, That the City Commissioners, with the approbation of the Mayor, be and they are hereby authorised to draw on the Register for the sum of dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry the preceding resolution, with the conditions attached thereto, into effect.

Mr. Alricks from the committee delivered the following, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Streets, to whom was referred so much of the Mayor's communication as relates to "an annual appropriation to enable the City Commissioners to make a thorough repair of such streets as the rail-road may be carried through hereafter;" and also the resolution relating to the same subject, report, that not being able to agree upon any mode of appropriation to this object, and a part of

the committee being opposed to vesting any discretion upon the subject in the Commissioners, your committee ask leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and with that view offer the accompanying resolution.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved by both Branches of the City Council, That the joint committee on Streets, to whom was referred so much of the Mayor's annual communication as relates to making an annual appropriation for repairing the streets through which the rail-road may hereafter be carried, and also the resolution relating to the same subject, be and they are hereby discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The report of the committee on the petition of John Reese and Archibald George was read a second time and concurred in.

The resolution relative to Charles street spring, and

The resolution relative to the wall and fence at Charles street spring, were severally read a second time, concurred in and returned to the Second Branch.

The resolution relative to the sewers in Charles street, was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Jenkins ordered to lie on the table.

The bill from the Second Branch entitled, A supplement to an ordinance to preserve the health of the city, &c. was read a second time and on motion of Mr. Amos ordered to lie on the table.

The resolution on the petition of Jacob Dayly, was read a second time. Mr. Jenkins offered the following as a substitute, which was concurred in and sent to the Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That Jacob Daley be and he is hereby authorised to alter the bridge across Jones' Falls in Baltimore street, in the manner laid down in the plan and explanations he has submitted with his petitton, at his own expense and under the supervision of the City Commissioners; Provided, that in making the said alterations, a suitable passage to the water, to be approved by the City Commissioners, be preserved; and provided also, that nothing herein contained, shall be construed to give the said Daley or any other person any right of property in any part of said bridge; and provided further, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the Mayor and City Council from replacing the said bridge in its present condition, if in their opinion the

public convenience shall at any time hereafter require it, at the expense of the said Daley.

Resolved, That the plan and explanations referred to in the first resolution, shall be filed and preserved in the office of the City Commissioners.

The two Branches met in convention, and after sitting a short time adjourned.

The bill entitled An additional supplement to an ordinance entitled an ordinance to regulate the several markets was read a second time. Mr. Jones moved to amend by striking out the 4th section, and substituting the following as the 4th section.

Section 4. *And be it enacted and ordained*, That it shall be the duty of the assistant clerks of the markets to aid and assist the principal clerk in the discharge of the duties imposed on him by the preceding section, and that he return a true and just account thereof on oath or affirmation, and pay over the same to the Register of the city on the first Monday in each and every month.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard the bill was then ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Hubbard offered the following which was read a first and by special order the second time and concurred in.

Resolved, That the committee on Lighting the City be instructed to enquire into the expediency of placing a lamp in the upper end of the lower market house, Fell's Point.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, March 7, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John B. Morris, Esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Young.

The bill entitled A further supplement to the ordinance relative to the health of the city, was read a second time, passed and returned to the Second Branch.

The resolution in favor of Joseph Townsend, John Hillen and Geo. Decker, was read a second time. Mr. Alricks moved that it be recommitted, with instructions to the committee to report to this Branch the facts connected with the claim of John Hillen and others—which was concurred in.

The report of the committee relative to President and Wilke street,

The report of the committee on the petition of Jacob Daley, and

The resolution authorising the Register to pay certain monies, was returned from the Second Branch endorsed concurred in.

The report of the committee on the petition of Jacob Wolf, was returned from the Second Branch endorsed dissented from.

The enrolled bill entitled An ordinance to restrain certain transient musical exhibitions, was this day handed to the Mayor for approval.

The bill entitled An ordinance for the appointment of a Register, &c. was read a second time. Mr. Ridgely moved to amend by adding after the word institution, "the preference being given to the Bank of Baltimore"—which was dissented from.

Mr. Blair moved to amend by adding after the word "the" in the 3d line, 1st section, "Mayor and the Presidents of the two Branches of the City Council be, and they are hereby directed, when in their opinion the public good require it, to place the funds of the corporation in any of the chartered banks of the city of Baltimore, who will give such security as the Mayor and the two Presidents approve of, and pay for said funds an interest not less than four per cent., nor charge for any funds the corporation may want from time to time, a rate of interest exceeding the same." Determined in the negative by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Hubbard, Hanson, Dushane, Blair—4.

Nays—Messrs. President, Louderman, Browning, J. E. Stansbury, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Myers, Roney, Moale, Munroe, Gardner, Jenkins, Ridgely, Russell, Baxley, Jones, Amoss.—18.

Mr. Blair moved to recommit the bill, which was dissented from.

Mr. Jenkins moved to strike out in the 6th line of the bill, "such security as the" and insert, "and give security to the amount of fifty thousand dollars, to be approved by"—also to add at the end of the first section, "Provided, that in all other respects, the same privileges may be granted to the corporation, in the keeping of its bank account, as have been allowed by the bank or banks in which the said account has been heretofore kept"—which was concurred in.

Mr. Ridgely moved to lay the bill on the table, and that 50 copies be printed. Determined in the negative by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. Ridgely, Russell, Amoss, Blair—4.

Nays—Messrs. President, Louderman, Browning, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Hanson, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Myers, Roney, Moale, Donaldson, Munroe, Gardner, Jenkins, Baxley, Jones, Dushane—19.

Mr. Jenkins moved to reconsider the vote on "fifteen days," in 4th line of his amendment, which was concurred in. On motion of Mr. Jenkins, fifteen was stricken out and "seven" inserted.

Mr. Dushane moved that the Branch adjourn.

Yeas—Messrs. Amoss, Dushane—2.

Nays—Messrs. President, Louderman, Browning, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Hanson, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Myers, Roney, Moale, Donaldson, Munroe, Gardner, Jenkins, Ridgely, Russell, Baxley, Jones, Blair—21.

Determined in the negative.

The question was then taken on Mr. Jenkins' amendment, offered on the 2d inst., viz:

And be it enacted and ordained, That if the security provided for by the first section of this ordinance, be not given as aforesaid, then this ordinance shall be null and of no effect; and the ordinance to which this is a supplement shall remain in full force.

Which was concurred in.

The question was taken on the final passage of the bill:

Ayes—Messrs. Louderman, Browning, J. E. Stansbury, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Myers, Roney, Moale, Munroe, Gardner, Jenkins, Ridgely, Baxley, Jones—15.

Nays—Messrs. President, Hubbard, Hanson, Donaldson, Russell, Amoss, Blair, Dushane—8.

Determined in the affirmative.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

Thursday, March 8, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, all the members except Messrs. Morris and Young.

A letter was received from Jno. B. Morris, Esq. pleading indisposition as the cause of his absence from the Branch.

On motion of Mr. Blair, Mr. Hubbard was called to the chair.

On motion of Mr. Moale, the branch proceeded to ballot for a President pro tem. Messrs. Hanson and Ridgely were appointed Tellers, when on counting it appeared

Mr. Hubbard received	11 votes
Mr. Donaldson	6
Mr. Browning	2
Mr. Jenkins	2
Mr. Munroe	1

Neither of the gentlemen having a majority, a second ballot was entered into, which resulted as follows:

Mr. Donaldson received	11 votes
Mr. Hubbard	9
Mr. Moale	2

On the third ballot—

Mr. Donaldson received	11 votes
Mr. Hubbard	10
Mr. Baxley	1

On the fourth ballot—

Mr. Donaldson received	11 votes
Mr. Hubbard	9
Mr. Baxley	1

Mr. Donaldson having received a majority of votes, was declared elected President pro tem.

Mr. Donaldson from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The committee of Ways and Means to which was referred the me-

morial of the Baltimore Humane Impartial Society, asking for an appropriation to purchase a house for its use, Report,—

That this committee appreciate the efforts of the benevolent individuals who compose this society. They feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and extend the Christian duties of love and charity to the afflicted and destitute. But this committee doubt whether this corporation have the power to appropriate money for other than the necessary expenses of the city on matters connected with it. And if it had the power, the committee believe the finances forbid at present such an appropriation. An examination of the estimates furnished by the committee would be a sufficient answer, but subsequent appropriations have increased the expenditures, whilst the receipts have been stationary.

The committee report a resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. All which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. I. DONALDSON, }
SAML. MOALE, } *First Branch.*

F. LUCAS, Jr. }
SAMUEL MOORE, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of the Baltimore Humane Impartial Society.

Mr. Moale presented the petition of Luke Tiernan and others counter to the petition for regrading North Charles street, which was read and referred.

The following communication was received from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
March 8th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council.

I have approved and signed "An ordinance to restrain certain transient musical exhibitions"—"a resolution permitting Alexander M'Donald to finish a frame building"—a "resolution permitting Samuel Brown to finish a frame building"—a "resolution for raising curb stones on Saratoga street"—a "resolution for repaving the gutters on Dutch alley"—a "resolution for repaving part of Gay street"—and a "resolution for cutting down and levelling Chatsworth street"—all which originated in your branch.

Respectfully yours, &c.

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

A communication from William Krebs and Richard Linthicum enclosing an act of assembly to authorise a toll to be collected upon the bridge in the city of Baltimore over the mouth of Gwynn's Falls, for the repairs thereof, was received from the Mayor. Mr. Jones mov-

ed that it be referred to the committee on bridges, and that 50 copies of the act be printed in pamphlet form. Mr. Jenkins moved to strike out "pamphlet form" and insert "in the journal," which was concurred in.

An Act to authorise a toll to be collected upon the Bridge in the City of Baltimore over the mouth of Gwynn's Falls, for the repairs thereof.

Sec. 1st. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That William Krebs and Richard Linthicum of the City of Baltimore, be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered to demand, and collect, or cause to be demanded and collected, from each and every person not herein excepted, who may hereafter pass or repass the Bridge over Gwynn's Falls near its mouth, usually called the Long Bridge, tolls at the following rates, viz: for every wagon, coach, or other carriage of four horses, mules or oxen, twenty-five cents; for every wagon, coach, phæton or other four-wheel carriage of two horses, mules or oxen, twelve and an half cents; for every cart or other carriage of not more than one horse, mule or oxen, six and a quarter cents; for every horse and rider three cents; for every foot passenger two cents; for every extra horse in a carriage or other team above the number prescribed, two cents; for every head of horses, mules or horned cattle two cents; for every head of sheep, swine, &c. one cent: *Provided*, nevertheless, that all wagons, carts or other carriages and their drivers engaged, used, occupied and employed in the transportation of produce by the grower of articles or his agent to the public markets in the city of Baltimore, shall be exempt from the payment of tolls for crossing and recrossing said bridge.—Which tolls when collected shall be applied by the said William Krebs and Richard Linthicum in the manner following, viz: in the first place to the payment from time to time, of the necessary expenses of collecting the same, in the second place in the reimbursement of such monies with interest, as the said William Krebs and Richard Linthicum may procure or advance to defray the expenses of the repairs immediately required upon said Bridge, and in the third place, to the payment of the expenses of making or causing to be made such necessary repairs as the said Bridge may from time to time hereafter require, to preserve the same in a safe, substantial and permanent condition: provided however, that if at any time hereafter, after the reimbursement of the monies that may be procured or advanced by the said Krebs and Linthicum as aforesaid, with interest, the amount of tolls collected at the said bridge during any year at the rates aforesaid, shall be such that after defraying the expenses of collecting the same, and making or causing to be made such necessary repairs as aforesaid as the said bridge may require during such year, there shall be left a surplus more than sufficient for a reasonable allowance for contingencies, then the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall be and they are hereby empowered to reduce the

aforesaid rate of tolls, conforming to the principle upon which the same is established by this Act, so that there may be collected from said bridge as nearly as may be, a sum not greater than will be necessary to pay such annual expenses of collecting said tolls and making such repairs and for such contingencies as aforesaid, which reduced rate of tolls shall continue until such time as the Mayor and City Council, for the purposes herein provided for, shall think proper to alter the same, never exceeding however, the rate of toll herein first prescribed.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That if at any time hereafter the Mayor and City Council aforesaid shall assume the charge of keeping the said bridge in repair, or any individual or individuals shall give bond with security to be approved by the Mayor aforesaid to do the same, then all right to demand and collect tolls herein granted shall cease and become entirely extinct.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That that part of Ridgely street, as laid down on the plat of the city aforesaid, which extends from causeway over the three-prong branch to the distance of sixteen feet and a half beyond, the continuation of a line drawn through the centre of the bridge aforesaid, together with the parcel of land of the width of sixteen feet and a half on each side of said line, and extending from the South side of Ridgely street so extended to the abutment of said bridge, as also the said bridge and the land on which the same is erected covered with water, be and the same are hereby condemned as a public highway forever.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the said William Krebs and Richard Linthicum shall submit to the City Council aforesaid, at their annual session, upon oath, a full amount of all the tolls received by them under the authority of this law during the year preceding, and of all their disbursements during the same period; and that before they proceed to collect any tolls as aforesaid, they shall give bond to the Mayor and City Council aforesaid, with security to be approved by the said Mayor, faithfully to apply all tolls collected under the authority of this law to the purposes therein directed.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That should the said William Krebs or Richard Linthicum die or refuse or neglect to carry into effect the directions of this law, then the Mayor and City Council aforesaid shall appoint some other person or persons in his or their place, who shall carry into effect the directions thereof, and in all things be governed by its provisions.

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That this law shall not go into effect until approved by the Mayor and City Council aforesaid; Provided, however, that the said Mayor and City Council may approve of the third section thereof, and disapprove of the rest, in which case the said third section shall be valid and operative in all respects notwithstanding such disapproval of the other sections.

Sec. 7. *And be it enacted*, That all persons are hereby prohibited from discharging any fire arms whatever on said bridge, under a pen-

alty of five dollars for every such offence, to be recovered by warrant before any justice of the peace for Baltimore city or county, the one-half of said fine to be received by the informer, and the other half to be received by the said Krebs and Linthicum, and applied by them to the repairs of the bridge.

We hereby Certify the aforegoing to be a true copy from the original law, which passed both branches of the Legislature of Maryland, at December session, 1831. Given under our hands at the city of Annapolis, this 7th day of March, 1832.

GEORGE G. BREWER,
Clerk, House of Delegates, Md.

JOS. H. NICHOLSON,
Clerk, Senate, Md.

The following amendment proposed by the Second Branch to the resolution relative to President and Wilk street, which was omitted to be inserted on yesterday, was read twice. Mr. Dushane moved that it lie on the table, which was dissented from. The amendments were then concurred in.

Amendment proposed:

After the word 'streets,' 5th line, insert, 'so far on the east and west side thereof as to make it passable.'

In 6th and 7th line, strike out 'sufficiently high' and insert 'to their proper grade so as'.

Mr. Alricks from the committee presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on streets, in obedience to the resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of paving a small piece of ground on Fell's Point, report,—That the ground to which the resolution refers is the spot upon which the old engine house was formerly situated, in Market space. Since the removal of the engine house it has never been paved, and a want of uniformity in the appearance of the public space is caused thereby. The public convenience, as well as uniformity in the surrounding pavement, demands that it should be repaved, and requiring but a small sum, your committee therefore report the subjoined resolution.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and are hereby authorised and directed to pave

the unpaved piece of ground on Market space, Fell's Point, immediately adjoining Allisanna street, being the ground upon which the engine house was formerly situated on said street; and they are hereby authorised to draw on the Register of the city, with the approbation of the Mayor, for any sum not exceeding or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expense of the same.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, the following message was sent to the Second Branch.

By the First Branch, March 8th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

A resolution reported in your branch by the committee on Public Fountains and Springs, on the 8th February, and passed by your branch on the succeeding day, has been mislaid in this branch and cannot be found. We therefore suggest, that the said resolution may be revived in your branch.

By order,

THOS. PHENIX, *Clk.*

Mr. Russell presented the petition of Jno. & Thos. L. Berry, to rebuild a brick kiln, which was read and referred to the committee on Fire Companies.

The enrolled resolution authorising the Register to pay certain moneys, and the resolution permitting Jacob Daley to alter the bridge across Jones' Falls at Baltimore street, were this day handed to the Mayor for approval.

Mr. Ridgely offered the following, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby directed to take up the stone pavement on Sharp street, between Lombard and German streets, and to repave the same, and to repair and replace the necessary curb and flag-stones on said street, and to draw on the Register of the city with the approbation of the Mayor, for the sum of five hundred and ninety-two dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry this resolution into effect, to be taken out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

Provided, however, that before the said pavement shall be taken up, the property holders on said street to be repaved shall by an instrument of writing to be approved by the Counsel of the city, bind themselves to pay one half the expense which may be incurred in the proposed repavement of said street.

On motion of Mr. Jones, the following message was sent to the Second Branch.

In the First Branch, March 8, 1832.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully ask you to reconsider and recede from your dissent to the resolution in favor of Jacob Wolf—The petitioner is the proprietor of a lot of ground on which now stands a frame building; he is anxious to erect a good and substantial brick house on the front of the lot of ground mentioned in the petition, and for that purpose asks permission of the Council to remove the frame building. Under the impression that it is the interest of the Council to encourage the erection of brick buildings within the city, we would respectfully ask you to reconsider and pass the resolution as adopted by this branch.

By order,

THOS. PHENIX, *Clk.*

Mr. Dushane offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time.

Resolved by both Branches of the City Council of Baltimore, That they will adjourn sine die on Friday, the 30th inst.

Mr. Jenkins moved to strike out the 30th, and insert 20th, when on motion of Mr. Hubbard it was laid on the table.

The bill entitled A supplement to an ordinance entitfed an ordinance for the appointment of Managers of the House of Refuge was read a second time, determined in the negative, so endorsed, and returned to the Second Branch.

The following message was received from the Second Branch.

In Second Branch, March 8th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch:

We herewith comply with your request by handing you the enclosed report and resolution.

By order,

T. H. BELT, *Clk.*

The bill entitled An ordinance relative to markets, was called up, when on motion it was laid on the table, and on motion of Mr. Ridgely, made the order of the day on Monday next.

The resolution relative to the springs on Fell's Point, received from the Second Branch in accordance to a request from this branch, was laid on the table.

The resolution relative to Bottle alley was called—The substitute offered by Mr. Jones being under consideration, when on motion of Mr. Blair, it was laid on the table.

Mr. Alricks offered the following, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on streets to whom was referred the petition of Jas. Barroll and others, relative to repaving that part of Pratt street between Franklin lane and the north side of Jones' Falls, respectfully Report,—That they have examined the condition of this street, and are of opinion it ought to be repaved—the necessity of repaving it at the present time has suggested itself as greater to your committee in consequence of the track of the rail road that is now laying along this street. If done at the present time, it can be done in conjunction with the Rail Road company, and the expense will be less to the corporation, the work would be better finished, and more permanent, and it will prevent the necessity of hereafter taking up this pavement when the rail road track has been laid, and which could not fail greatly to disturb the rails, and in many instances displace them. The propriety of making an annual appropriation to this object, was recommended in the Mayor's communication, but the difficulty of agreeing upon a mode of appropriation prevented your committee from reporting a bill therefor—Impressed with the peculiar propriety of repaving this part of Pratt street, your Committee therefore report the subjoined resolution.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorised and directed to take up one-third of the stone-pavement on each side of Pratt street from Franklin lane to the north side of Jones' Falls, measuring from the curb stones on each side of said street towards the centre thereof, and to repave the same; the other one third of said street to be taken up and repaved by the Baltimore and Ohio rail road company, or so much thereof as is not required for their tracks of rail road, and they are hereby authorised to draw on the Register, with the approbation of the Mayor, for any sum not exceeding or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expense of the same.

Mr. Jenkins offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby directed to furnish an estimate of the sum of money that would be required to change and improve the openings of the sewers in South Charles street, so as to make them correspond in appearance with the opening of the sewer in Hanover street.

The Branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk*

Friday, March 9, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John I Donaldson, Esq. President pro tem. and all the members except Messrs. Morris, Moale and Young.

Mr. Jenkins presented the petition of James R. Williams and others, praying that French alley may be condemned, graded and paved; which was read and referred to the committee on Streets.

The resolution of the joint committee on the Harbour, authorising the Register to borrow money in anticipation, was read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The resolution relative to adjourning sine die on the 30th inst. was read a second time; the question being on the amendment offered by Mr. Jenkins, the yeas and nays were called for and appeared as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Louderman, Hanson, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Myers, Roney, Jenkins, Jones, Baxley, Blair—10.

Nays—Messrs. President, Browning, J E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Munroe, Gardner, Ridgely, Russell, Dushane—9.

Determined in the affirmative. On motion the subject was ordered to lie on the table.

The enrolled resolution for filling up President and Wilk street, was this day handed to the Mayor for approval.

Mr. Sanders from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee to whom was referred the petition of Nicholas Smith and others, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report, that they are of opinion that it is inexpedient at present to grant an appropriation for a bridge over Jones' Falls at Monument street, as the property holders on the west side of said Falls have not consented to fill up and pave said street, from Jones' Falls to Calvert street, as mentioned in the petition; but your committee are fully of the opinion that a stone tunnel should be granted them over Harford Run at said street, as we are satisfied the property holders east of Jones' Falls will pave said street without delay to Bond street, and

without the tunnel asked for, the benefit to the property holders east of Harford run anticipated thereby, would be lost. They therefore respectfully submit the following resolution.

BENEDICT I. SANDERS,
WM. GWYNN JONES,
ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr. } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
SAMUEL MOORE,
WILLIAM REANEY, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorised, with the approbation of the Mayor, to draw on the Regisier for the sum of three hundred and eighty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the construction of a stone tunnel over Harford run at Monument street.

On motion of Mr. Munroe a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing when the City Council adjourn this evening it adjourn to Monday next. The Second Branch concurred, and informed this branch by message.

The resolution relative to the springs on Fell's Point, was read a second time, laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Hubbard, and made the order of the day on Tuesday next.

The bill entitled An ordinance relative to the officers of the city, was read a second time, dissented from, and returned to the Second Branch.

A message was received from the Second Branch adhering to their dissent to the resolution on the petition of Jacob Wolf.

Mr. Jones from the committee delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The committee on Fire Companies to whom was referred the returns of the state of the apparatus of the several fire companies in this city, as also a petition from the Firemen's Association of Baltimore, Report,—

That they have been gratified at the efficient organization of the Fire Department, embracing as it does all the necessary apparatus to render it useful and a valuable safeguard to the property of our citizens, and when they consider that these are voluntary associations, established for the sole purpose of benefitting the community, they do not doubt but that the Mayor and City Council will still foster and cherish them as among the most useful of our public institutions. During the past year an institution has been organized under the title of the Firemen's Association of Baltimore, composed of delegates from all the Fire Companies in the city except three, for the avowed object of correcting those irregularities which sometimes occur among these

associations at alarms of fire. Your committee doubt not but such an institution would be of great service to check those evils for which it is designed, and they feel a confidence in believing that when its effects shall be manifest, all the fire companies will unite with this association: being however but recently established, and the benefits arising from it yet to be tested, they think it unnecessary that the Council should now legislate with regard to this association. In recommending the fire companies to the favorable notice of the council, they would respectfully submit the accompanying resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

March 9th, 1832.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
HENRY MYERS,
ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr. } *Committee.*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the sum of four thousand two hundred and seventy-five dollars, or so much thereof as may be required, be and the same is hereby appropriated, for keeping in repair the apparatus belonging to the Mechanical, Union, Friendship, Deptford, Liberty, Independent, Vigilant, New Market, Columbian, First Baltimore Hose, United Hose, Franklin Hose, Washington Hose, Patapsco, and Howard Fire Companies, and the Register is hereby authorised and directed to pay in the month of August next, to each of the said companies, a sum not exceeding two hundred and eighty-five dollars, to be drawn for by their respective Presidents on their producing to the Mayor satisfactory vouchers for the expenditure thereof.

Mr. Amoss from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and ordered to lie on the table:

The joint committee on Health to whom was referred the petition of Nicholas Cornelius relative to Uhler's sewer, beg leave to Report, that they have examined the case of the petitioner, and deeming his request reasonable, submit the accompanying resolution.

March 9th, 1832.

CORBIN AMOS,
NOAH RIDGELY,
HENRY R. LOUDERMAN, } *Committee First Branch.*

WILLIAM REANEY,
M. GRAFTON, } *Committee Second Branch.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners, with the approbation of the Mayor, be and they are hereby authorised and directed to repair the rear of the wooden building on Light street, which stands over Uhler's sewer, where it discharges its water into said street, so as to prevent the overflow of water from said sewer in time of freshets; and that the sum of fifteen

dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry this resolution into effect, is hereby appropriated for that purpose, to be paid by the Register out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

The resolution relative to taking up the stone pavement between Lombard and German streets, was read a second time. Mr. Ridgely moved to amend by striking out after the word 'shall,' in the 2d line, to the word 'half,' in the 4th line, and insert "pay the Register of the City the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars towards". which was concurred in. The subject was then laid on the table, and the branch adjourned until Monday.

By order,

THOS. PHENIX, *Clk.*

Monday, March 12, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John I. Donaldson, Esq. President pro tem. and all the members except Messrs. Morris and Young.

The following was received from John B. Morris, Esq.

Gentlemen of the First Branch
of the City Council of Baltimore:

Owing to a recent event, I have thought it proper to resign the station of presiding officer of the First Branch of the City Council—In doing so, I avail of the occasion to make my sincere acknowledgements for the confidence evinced in the selection, and for that continued and indulgent kindness and good feeling which I have experienced from every member of the Council in my intercourse with them. Be assured, gentlemen, that sentiments of regard and friendship are entertained towards you, individually, by your friend and servant,

JOHN B. MORRIS.

South street, March 11th, 1832.

On motion of Mr. Jones, the Branch proceeded to ballot for a President. Messrs. Ridgely and Hanson were appointed tellers, when on counting the ballots,

Mr. Donaldson received	13 votes
Mr. Hubbard	4
Mr. Munroe	1
Mr. Hanson	1
Blank	2

Mr. Donaldson was declared duly elected President.

Mr. Jones offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, unanimously, by the First Branch of the City Council, That the thanks of this branch be presented to John B. Morris, Esq. late President thereof, for the impartial and dignified manner in which he has discharged the duties of the chair, and that a committee be appointed to communicate to him the contents of this resolution.

The President appointed Messrs. Jones, Jenkins and Hubbard.

Mr. Alricks from the committee, delivered the following reports and resolutions, which were read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Streets to whom was referred the petition of William Taylor and others, relative to the grade of Courtland street, between Franklin and Mulberry streets, Report,—That the grade of this part of Courtland street has been already established, but the stone pavement which was put down but a short time since on this street between Gravel alley and Franklin street is some inches below the established grade, and the improvements on this street have been made in accordance therewith—That part of Courtland street between Gravel alley and Mulberry street is at present unpaved and cannot be paved until some other mode is adopted for carrying off the water than that contemplated in the established grade, unless the stone pavement should be taken up on the other part of this street above mentioned, and repaved at the established grade, which would do great injury to the adjacent property, and cause an unnecessary expense to the city. Your committee have therefore thought it advisable to permit this pavement to remain, and not to touch the grade of this part of the street, but recommend a change in the grade from Gravel alley to Mulberry street, so that the water will be divided and pass off by Mulberry street on one side, and Gravel alley on the other —and with this view they offer the accompanying resolution.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorised and directed, to alter the established grade of Courtland street from Gravel alley to Mulberry street, by raising the same mid way between said streets, so that the water on this part of Courtland street will pass off by Mulberry street on the one side, and Gravel alley on the other—Provided the proprietors of property binding on the aforesaid part of Courtland street file an instrument of writing with the Register of the city, to be approved of by the Counsellor for the city, relinquishing all claim to damages that might accrue to them in consequence of the change in the grade thereof.

The joint committee on Streets, to whom was referred the petition of last year relative to repaving a part of East Baltimore street, Report,—That the condition of said street is extremely bad as represented in the petition, but it being the desire of the committee to divide the funds appropriated to this object as equally as the condition of the streets would permit, they recommend that a part only of this

street be paved at the present time, and accordingly offer the subjoined resolution, providing for the repavement of one square only.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Bra ch.*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorised and directed to take up the stone pavement on Baltimore street East, from the west side of Lloyd's lane to the bridge over Canal street, and to repave the same, and they are hereby authorised to draw on the Register of the City, with the approbation of the Mayor, for any sum not exceeding or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expense of the same.

A communication from P. Laurenson, Esq. accompanied with an act of assembly relating to the city of Baltimore, was received from the Mayor, which was read, and on motion of Mr. Jenkins, sent to the Second Branch with a message proposing to refer it to the committee on Ways and Means. The Second Branch concurred by message.

Mr. Hanson offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby directed, to examine into and report to this branch, if any, what repairs are necessary to be made on the Powder Magazine, for the preservation of said building, the safety of the property therein stored, and the probable cost of sueh repair.

Mr. Amos presented the petition of William Armor and others relative to Bowers' sewer, which was read and referred to the committee on Streets.

The following communication was received from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
March 12th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council—

I have approved and signed "A resolution approving an act of Assembly therein mentioned"—"a resolution authorising the Register to pay certain monies"—"a resolution for filling up President and Wilks streets"—and a "resolution permitting Jacob Daley to alter the bridge across Jones' Falls at Baltimore street."

Respectfully yours, &c.

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

Mr. Moale from the committee on Ways and Means reported the following bills—

An ordinance making appropriations for the year 1832;

An ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the year 1832;

An ordinance to provide for the payment of the expenses of the Public Schools of the city of Baltimore;—which were severally read and laid on the table.

The report of the committee on Ways and Means on the memorial of the Humane Impartial Society, was read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

On motion of Mr. Blair, the branch reconsidered the reference given to the memorial of Wm. Armor and others; the question was then called for on referring it to the committee on Streets. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows—

Yeas—Messrs. Louderman, Ridgely, Amos—3.

Nays—Messrs. President, Browning, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Hanson, Alricks, Sanders, Myers, Roney, Moale, Munroe, Gardner, Jenkins, Russell, Baxley, Jones, Blair, Dushane—18.

Determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Blair, the memorial was referred to the committee on Health.

A communication from the City Commissioners in answer to a call from the Branch relative to the sewers in Charles street, and the repairs of the Powder Magazine, was received and read.

The resolution for repaving part of Pratt street was called up—Mr. Alricks moved to fill the blank with $1900 80-100, which was concurred in. Mr. Jones moved to strike out of the 3d line the words 'one third,' and insert 'one fourth,' in the 6th line, strike out 'one third,' and insert 'one half,' which was concurred in. Mr. Dushane moved to strike out in the 5th line the words 'Franklin lane,' and insert 'South street,' which was dissented from. Mr. Jenkins moved to recommit the resolution, with instructions to inquire whether it will be necessary to change the grade of the said street, and whether a sufficient number of the property holders under the act of Assembly will agree to said change, and report all the facts necessary to enable the Council to form a correct opinion on the whole subject.

Mr. Jones moved to lay the subject on the table, which was dissented from.

The question recurred on Mr. Jenkins' motion to recommit, when Mr. Dushane, after some further discussion, renewed the motion to lay on the table, which was dissented from. The question then was taken on Mr. Jenkins' motion, which was dissented from.

Mr. Jenkins moved to reconsider the amendment proposed by Mr.

Jones, for striking out 'one third,' which was concurred in by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. President, Louderman, Browning, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Alricks, Roney, Munroe, Gardner, Jenkins, Ridgely, Russell, Blair—13.

Nays—Messrs. Hanson, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Baxley, Jones, Amos, Dushane—7.

The question was then taken on the amendment, and concurred in by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. J. E. Stansbury, Hanson, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Roney, Gardner, Baxley, Jones, Amos, Blair, Dushane—11.

Nays—Messrs. President, Louderman, Browning, Hubbard, Alricks, Munroe, Jenkins, Ridgely, Russell—9.

Mr. Jenkins moved to lay the subject on the table—Dissented from by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. President, Louderman, Hubbard, Roney, Munroe, Jenkins, Ridgely, Russell, Blair—9.

Nays—Messrs. Browning, J. E. Stansbury, Hanson, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Gardner, Baxley, Jones, Amos, Dushane—11.

Mr. Ridgely moved to reconsider the vote for filling the blank with $1900 80-100, which was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Ridgely, the blank was filled with $1430 60-100.

Mr. Jones moved to add at the end of the resolution the following.

Provided, That wherever the grade of the street shall be changed, every owner of property binding on said street, shall by an instrument of writing to be approved by the Counsel of the city, relinquishing all claims against the city for damages which they might have in consequence of said change.

Determined in the negative by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. Sanders, Roney, Russell, Baxley, Jones, Amos, Blair, Dushane—8.

Nays—Messrs President, Louderman, Browning, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Hanson, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Munroe, Gardner, Jenkins, Ridgely—12.

Mr. Jenkins moved to lay the subject on the table, which was dissented from.

The question was taken on the final passage of the resolution, and concurred in by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. President, Louderman, Browning, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Hanson, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Roney, Munroe, Gardner, Jenkins, Ridgely, Russell, Jones—15.

Nays—Messrs. Sanders, Baxley, Amos, Blair, Dushane—5.

The President announced the following gentlemen to complete committees occasioned by the indisposition of Mr. Young:

Committee of Ways and Means, Mr. Jenkins; on Rail Roads, Mr.

Jones; on Claims, Mr. Munroe; on accounts of Commissioners of Finance, Mr. Jenkins; on obstructions in the Susquehanna, Mr. Hanson; on the Jail committee, Mr. Amos; on Armories, Mr. Myers.

Mr. Jones from the committee delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of John and Thomas L. Berry, Report,—That the petitioners ask permission of the Mayor and City Council to rebuild a brick kiln in their fire brick yard, and also a kiln in their brick yard south of Little Montgomery street. Your committee considering the request reasonable, submit the accompanying resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

March 12th, 1832.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
HENRY MYERS,
ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr. } *Committee.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That John and Thomas L. Berry be, and they are hereby authorised to rebuild a brick kiln on their fire brick yard on Howard and Lee streets, and also that they be authorised and permitted to rebuild a brick kiln on their brick yard south of Little Montgomery street, any thing in any ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

On motion of Mr. Jenkins, the President was authorised to fill the vacancies in all the committees, occasioned by his taking the chair, except that of the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Hanson, the report of the City Commissioners relative to the powder magazine was referred to Messrs. Myers, Hanson and Ridgely.

The branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

THOS. PHENIX, *Clk.*

Tuesday, March 13, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John I Donaldson, Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs. Morris and Young.

The bill entitled An additional supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance for the appointment of a Register and prescribing his duties, was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed will not pass.

The report and resolution relative to the Humane Impartial Society; and the report and resolution of the joint committee on the Harbour, were also returned, endorsed concurred in.

The endorsement on the resolution for repaving part of Pratt street was about being read by the clerk, when Mr. Ridgely moved to reconsider the subject, which was concurred in. Mr. Dushane moved that it lay on the table, which was concurred in.

A resolution relative to Chatsworth run was received from the Second Branch, read a first time and laid on the table.

The bill entitled An ordinance to provide for the payment of the expenses of the Public Schools of the city of Baltimore; and

The bill entitled An ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the year 1832, were severally read a second time, passed, and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same, endorsed will pass.

The bill entitled An ordinance to provide for certain expenses of the year 1831, was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed will pass.

Mr. Alricks from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which were read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Streets to whom was referred the petition of Henry Munroe, Report—

That the petitioner is the owner of a lot of ground on Water street, near the wooden bridge, through which the Corporation have placed a sewer; the petitioner states that the corporation had authority from the original proprietor to make this sewer through this lot, provided it should be removed by the corporation when required to do so by the owner thereof. The petitioner being about to dig a cellar upon this

lot, asks that this sewer may now be removed. If the agreement between the original proprietor of this lot and the corporation was in writing, it has never been preserved, and your committee have not been able to obtain any definite information relative thereto. If it was a mere verbal agreement, the corporation could not rely upon it as authority for passing this sewer through private property: under these circumstances we would recommend that the situation of the sewer be changed, and instead of passing through private property, that it be made to pass through the public street, and they accordingly offer the subjoined resolution.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be. and they are hereby authorised and directed, to change the situation of the sewer on the lot of Henry Munroe, in Water street, adjoining the wooden bridge over Jones' Falls, and to place the same under the public street, so as to carry the water as it is now carried into Jones' Falls, but without passing through private property; and they are hereby authorised to draw on the Register, with the approbation of the Mayor, for any sum not exceeding
or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expense of the same.

Mr. Jones offered the following message to be sent to the Second Branch.

In the First Branch, March 13, 1832.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We return you herewith a bill entitled "An additional supplement to an ordinance for the appointment of a Register of the city and prescribing his duties," and respectfully request you to reconsider and pass the same. Actuated by a deep sense of the importance of the principle involved in the bill, we are induced to deviate from the ordinary routine of intercourse between the two branches, and state in a few words the reasons which have induced us to pass the bill, and by which we hope to influence your decision upon the reconsideration of this question. With the fact before us, that the extensive bank account of this corporation has been heretefore kept in an institution which does not allow interest upon deposites of any description, and the further knowledge that there are institutions which do allow interest upon deposites and current accounts, it becomes a question with us, whether we would better promote the interest of our common constituents, by taking advantage of the offer of interest upon our cur-

rent account, or permitting it to remain in its present situation without interest. As a simple proposition it would seem that but one answer could be returned. Difficulties were suggested, however, which were maturely considered, and either absolutely removed or provided for in the enactments of the bill.

It was stated that we were under obligations to the institution which had hitherto kept our account for their general punctuality and occasional favours. The very high character of that institution was not questioned, but it was contended on the other hand, and a majority of our branch agreed in the position, that the obligation was reciprocated, and that what was due from us for favors rendered, was cancelled by the value of the account itself; and it was also considered that we might not be justified in evincing our gratitude at the cost of our constituents.

By order,

THOS. PHENIX, *Clk.*

Mr. Hubbard moved to strike out all after the word same, in the 5th line, which was dissented from.

The question was then taken on the message and concurred in by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. Louderman, Browning, J. E. Stansbury, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Myers, Roney, Moale, Gardner, Jenkins, Ridgely, Baxley, Jones—14.

Nays—Messrs. President, Hubbard, Hanson, Munroe, Russell, Amos, Blair, Dushane—8.

The Branch called up the resolution for repaving part of Pratt street.

Mr. Ridgely moved to strike out all the amendments concurred in on yesterday, (the effects of which will place the resolution as originally reported by the committee) which was concurred in by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. President, Louderman, Browning, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Hanson, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Myers, Moale, Munroe, Gardner, Jenkins, Ridgely, Russell—15.

Nays—Messrs. Sanders, Roney, Jones, Baxley, Amos, Blair, Dushane—7.

Mr. Jenkins moved to amend by adding at the end of the resolution the following:

Provided, that if the City Commissioners should think a change in the established grade of the street necessary in consequence of the manner in which the rails have been or may be laid, that then the Rail Road company shall first execute an instrument of writing to be approved by the City Counsellor, binding the said company to satisfy

any and all the damages that may be claimed by the property holders, and proved to have been occasioned by the said change.

Which was dissented from.

Mr. Dushane moved to strike out 'Frankiin lane', and insert 'South street', which was dissented from.

Mr. Hanson moved the following amendment.

"Strike out after the word 'the,' in the 4th line, the words 'north side Jones' Falls,' and insert 'intersection of President and Pratt streets.'"

Mr. Dushane moved to amend the amendment by striking out 'President and Pratt streets,' and insert 'City Block,' which was dissented from.

Mr. Hanson then asked and obtained leave to withdraw his amendment.

The question was then taken on the final passage of the resolution, and concurred in.

Mr. Roney offered the following, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That until the case now pending in the Court of Appeals between the Corporation and Cumberland Dugan be decided, that the Mayor is hereby authorised and directed to employ one or more Bailiffs, or other suitable person or persons, on the wharves commonly known as Dugan's and M'Elderry's wharves, to prevent huxtering of wood thereon, and also enforce the city ordinances relative thereto.

The report of the committee on the petition of Jno. & Thomas L. Berry, was read a second time and concurred in.

Mr. Dushane from the committee presented the following reports and resolutions, which were read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Bridges, to whom was referred the act of Assembly relative to the bridge over the mouth of Gwynn's Falls,

Report—That on an examination of the act of assembly they are satisfied it would be to the interest of the city to approve of it; they therefore submit the accompanying resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

March 12, 1832.

VALENTINE DUSHANE, } *Committee*
WM. GWYNN JONES, } *First*
WM. H. HANSON, } *Branch.*

WM. INLOES, } *Committee*
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at December session 1831, entitled "An act to authorise a toll to be collected upon the bridge in the city of Baltimore, over the mouth of Gwynn's Falls, for the repairs thereof," be and the same is hereby approved.

The joint committee on Bridges to whom was referred the petition of Robert Howard and others for an appropriation to build a bridge over Jones' Falls at Pleasant and Hillen streets, have examined the premises and the prayer of the petitioners, which they think reasonable. They therefore recommend the adoption of the annexed resolution.

Respectfully submitied.

5th March, 1832.

VALENTINE DUSHANE, } *Committee*
WM. H. HANSON, } *First Branch.*

JOSHUA MOTT, } *Committee*
WM. INLOES, } *Second Brauch.*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorised and directed to construct a good and substantial wooden bridge over Jones' Falls, at the junction of Hillen and Pleasant streets, immediately after Pleasant street shall be opened and extended to said Falls, in conformity to the act of assembly of December session, 1831, for that purpose —Provided that Robert Howard and others shall advance the sum necessary for the construction of said bridge, as stated in their petition, for that purpose. And the said Commissioners are hereby further authorised, with the approbation of the Mayor, to draw on the Register of the city for such sum as the said bridge may cost, not exceeding dollars, payable on the first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, to be paid out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

The branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

THOS. PHENIX, *Clk.*

Wednesday, March 14, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John I. Donaldson, Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs. Morris and Young.

The report of the committee on Monument street was read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The resolution on the subject of Fountains and Springs, (originating in the Second Branch,) was read a second time, concurred in, and returned.

Mr. Myers from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the City Commissioners respecting the powder house, report the following resolutions, which are respectfully submitted.

HENRY MYERS,
WM. H. HANSON,
NOAH RIDGELY,
} *Committee.*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby directed, to do such necessary repair to the door frame and sill, to remove the present dilapidated fire walls, and replace the same with slate, so far as the same may be found necessary for the safety of the powder magazine, and they are hereby authorised to draw on the Register, with the approbation of the Mayor, for the sum of fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

Mr. Hanson from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Claims, to whom was recommitted their report of the 24th February, 1832, on the claim of Joseph Townsend, John Hillen and George Decker,

Report,—That the claim of Townsend, Hillen and Decker, former Governors and Visiters of the Jail of Baltimore city and county, was presented to the committee on Claims for the year 1830; it was found

correct, and an appropriation made by the Council for the payment of the same, but in making that appropriation the amount was made payable to the (then) Visiters and Governors, instead of their predecessors, so that by this error, the former Governors and Visiters could not have the benefit of that appropriation until the (then) Governors and Visitors should give an order on the Register of the city for the amount thus appropriated.

That order was not given until the 2d August, 1831, and they did not receive the amount of it until 11th of the same month.

Your committee are therefore unanimously of opinion, that as the former Visiters, without any default on their part, could not receive the amount of the appropriation until the 11th August, 1831, the petitioners are justly entitled to interest on the sum of $2744 46, from the 26th February, 1830, (the date of the appropriation) to the 11th August, 1831, being the sum of $240 12, agreeable to the account accompanying their memorial, and therefore respectfully submit the subjoined resolution.

Baltimore, 14th *March*, 1832.

WM. H. HANSON,
SAML MOALE,
ISAAC MUNROE, } *Committee First Branch.*

THOMAS SEWELL,
HENRY STOUFFER, } *Committee Second Branch*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register be, and he is hereby authorised to pay to Joseph Townsend, John Hillen, and George Decker, or their joint order, the sum of two hundred and forty dollars and twelve cents, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

Mr. Moale from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The committee of Ways and Means to whom was referred the accounts of Commissioners of Finance, Report—

That they have considered the suggestion of the Commissioners, that the certificates of stock debt purchased by them in the year 1831, should not be cancelled; and the committee think that it is inexpedient to make any alteration in the ordinance on this subject, as the sinking fund will be amply sufficient to pay the amount which will be coming due in 1838. All which is submitted.

JNO. I. DONALDSON,
SAML. MOALE,
LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS, } 1*st Branch.*

E. LUCAS, Jr.
SAMUEL MOORE, } 2*d Branch.*

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The resolution relative to Chatsworth run (originating in the Second Branch) was read a second time and ordered to lie on the table.

The President appointed the following gentlemen to fill up Committees, in place of the President.

Committee on the Susquehanna—Mr. Sanders.
On Rail Roads—Mr. Jenkins.
On the report of the Commissioners of Finance—Mr. Alricks.

Mr. Alricks from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time.

The joint committee on streets, in obedience to the resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of repaving Block street from the north side of Thames to the south side of Wilk street, Report,—That the condition of this street is extremely bad. being almost impassable in many places in consequence of the stones being displaced, and the many hollows occasioned thereby; the necessity of repaving this street is perhaps as great if not greater, than any street which has come under our notice at the present session, more especially as it is the great thoroughfare between Fell's Point and the other parts of the city—Impressed, therefore, with the peculiar propriety of repaving this street at the present time, your committee accordingly present herewith the subjoined resolution.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch*

March 13th.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorised and directed to take up the stone pavement of Block street, from the north side of Thames to the south side of Wilk street, and to repave the same, and they are hereby authorised to draw on the Register, with the approbation of the Mayor, for any sum not exceeding or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expense of the same.

On motion of Mr. Alricks, the blank was filled with $583 20-100, and the resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Jones offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the Register furnish this branch with all the proposals which he may have received for the sale or leasing of the property on Holliday street, in consequence of his advertising in pursuance of a resolution adopted Feb. 15, 1832.

Mr Blair offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the Mayor be respectfully requested to inform this branch why he convened the Presidents, Vice Presidents and Standing Committees of the several Fire Companies in May last, at the City Hall, with any other information he may think proper to give on the subject of regulating the fire companies of this city.

Mr. Hanson offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That John Scott, esq. Attorney for the city, report to this Branch such information relative to certain claims due by Philip Bowyer & Co. to this corporation, by the violation of certain ordinances, and if any, what proceedings have been had thereon.

The resolution approving a certain act therein mentioned, was read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

Mr. Alricks from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on streets, in obedience to the resolution instructing them to enquire into the expediency of repaving Lancaster street, from the west side of Bond street to the west end of the present pavement on said street, Report, that the present pavement is worn out, and in many places entirely removed; the space required to be repaved being very small, your committee therefore would recommend an appropriation to this object, and accordingly offer the accompanying resolution.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAME BLAIR, } *First Branch.*
GEORGE GARDNER,

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN, } *Second Brach.*
JOSHUA MOTT,

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorised and directed to take up the stone pavement on Lancaster street, from the west side of Bond street to the west end of the present pavement on said street, and to repave the same; and they are hereby authorised to draw on the Register, with the approbation of the Mayor, for any sum not exceeding or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expense of the same.

The report of the committee on streets relative to Bottle alley was read a second time.

The question being on the substitute offered by Mr. Jones, on motion of Mr. Dushane the blank was filled with $390 75-100.

Mr. Dushane moved to strike out the proviso in the first resolution, and insert the following, which was concurred in.

"And that they are authorised to draw on the Register, with the approbation of the Mayor, for the sum of $390 75-100 to complete the same, or so much thereof as will be necessary, to be paid out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

Mr. Jones moved to strike out the second resolution, which was concurred in.

The resolution was endorsed and sent to the Second Branch.

The following enrolled bills were this day handed to the Mayor for aporoval.

An ordinance to provide for certain expenses for the year 1831, &c.

An ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the year 1832.

An ordinance to provide for the payment of the expenses of the public schools of the city of Baltimore; and

A resolution authorising the Mayor to borrow money for the purposes therein mentioned.

The bill entitled An ordinanee to fill up Albemarle street dock was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed will pass with the proposed amendments, which were read a first time and laid on the table.

Amendments proposed:

In the title of the bill after the word "up" insert "a part of".

In the 4th line after the word "Mayor," insert "and the President and Directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company"; and in the 6th line, strike out "City Dock," and insert "south side of Alice-Anna street"; and at the conclusion, add the following: "Provided said filling be made at a grade that will carry off the water from the adjoining lots and streets, which now flows into said dock."

A communication from the Register in pursuance of a resolution of this branch of date, was received and read, and on motion of Mr. Jones referred to the committee on Armories.

The branch again called up the resolution relative to Chatsworth run, which was concurred in and sent to the Second Branch.

Mr. Joncs gave notice he should call up the Market bill tomorrow.

The resolution authorising the Mayor to do a certain act therein specified, was read a second time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Jones offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the Mayor be, and he ls hereby respectfully requested to inform this branch what difficulties, if any, exist in enforcing the ordinances relative to placing obstructions on Dugan's and M'Elderry's wharves.

Mr. Hubbard offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, by both Branches, That the Register, with the approbation of the Mayor, settle with the Chairman of the committee sent to Annapolis for the expenses of said committee.

Mr. Jones offered the following, which was read a first and by special order the second time and concurred in.

Resolved, That the committee on streets be instructed to enquire into the expediency of placing stepping stones over Liberty street at Dutch alley.

Mr. Jenkins offered the following, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby authorised to alter and improve the sewer in south Charles street, so as to make the openings of the said sewer conform as near as may be, with the opening of the sewer in Hanover street, and that they may draw on the Register with the approbation of the Mayor, for a sum of money not exceeding four hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for that purpose, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

The branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

THOS. PHENIX, *Clk.*

Thursday, March 15, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John I. Donaldson, Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs. Myers, Moale, Morris and Young.

The report of the committee on the Powder House,

The report of the committee on Monument street,

The report on the petition of John & Thomas L. Berry, and

The resolution approving a certain act therein mentioned, were returned from the Second Branch severally endorsed, concurred in.

The resolution for repaving part of Pratt street was returned from the Second Branch endorsed, concurred in with the proposed amendment, viz: In the 12th line strike out "they" and insert "the City Commissioners;" which was concurred in.

Mr. Blair presented the memorial of Patrick Doyle and others, for an increase of wages as cartmen for the city, which was read and referred to the committee on Health.

The following communication was received from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
March 15th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council—

I have approved and signed "An ordinance to provide for certain expenses for the year 1831, &c."—"An ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the year 1832."—"An ordinance to provide for the payment of the expenses of the public shools, of the city of Baltimore"—and a "Resolution authorising the Mayor to borrow money for the purposes therein mentioned."

Respectfully yours, &c.

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

The resolution authorising the Register to do a certain act, was returned from the Second Branch endorsed, concurred in.

Mr. Hubbard offered the following, which was read a first and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the committee on Education be instructed to enquire into the expediency of authorising the Mayor to borrow four thousand dollars, in anticipation of the receipts from the sale of the old Alms house property; to enable the Commissioners of Schools to erect a suitable building in the south-western part of the city for a school room.

Mr. Dushane offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby directed to fill up Park lane, between Cove and Pine streets, where the water now lays, so as to prevent the evil complained of—and they are authorised to draw on the Register, with the approbation of the Mayor, for the sum of fifty dollars to carry the same into effect, or so much thereof as will complete the same, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

Mr. Stansbury from the committee delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in and sent to the Second Branch.

The joint committee on Police, to whom was referred the resolution relative to enquiring into the expediency of fixing by ordinance the rate of speed beyond which it shall not be lawful for mail coaches, or public stages, to pass through any of the streets lanes, or alleys in the city, have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion (that by referring to the 3d section of the ordinance entitled, An ordinance to regulate the riding and driving of horses and carriages in the city of Baltimore, and for other purposes therein mentioned,) it will be found that there is sufficient legislation on the subject, to effect all the purposes contemplated by the resolution requiring the enquiry; therefore beg leave to report by resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr.
VALENTINE DUSHANE, } *Committee First Branch.*
WM. RONEY,

SAMUEL MOORE,
WILLIAM REANEY, } *Committee Second Branch*

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution relative to regulating the speed of mail coaches and public stages.

The Second Branch returned the same, endorsed concurred in.

Mr. Alricks from the committee delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in and sent to the Second Branch.

The joint committee on Streets, to whom was referred the petition of last year, relative to regrading and repaving Fleet street, from Anne to Market street, Fell's Point, Report—that the petitioners complain of a nuisance caused by the filth and sediment, which settles in this part of said street after rains. Your committee have examined this street, and find the pavement more even and in a better condition than many other streets in the city, which they have not deemed it advisable to repave; if however the health of the neighbourhood is likely to be affected by the flatness of the grade of this street, it is proper that it should be regraded and repaved—but this fact should first be ascertained, and with that view we offer the accompanying resolution.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch*

Resolved by both Branches of the City Council, That the joint committee on Streets be and they are hereby discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Jacob Myers, Jr. presented at the last annual session of the City Council, and that the same be referred to the consideration of the committee on Health.

The Second Branch returned the same endorsed, concurred in.

The resolution for building a bridge at the junction of Hillen and Pleasant streets was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Dushane the blank was filled with $1400.00.

Mr. Sanders moved the following amendment, which was concurred in.

Strike out after the word "purpose" in the 6th line, "provided, that R. Howard and others shall advance the sum necessary for the construction of said bridge, as stated in their petition for that purpose"—and also, after the word "dollars" in the 12th line, "payable on the first day of June, 1833."

Mr. Hubbard moved that the resolution lie on the table, which was dissented from.

Mr. Jenkins moved to amend by inserting after the word "extended," "and paved from the west side of Holliday street," which was concurred in.

The resolution as amended was concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

Mr. Boney offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Streets be and they are hereby instructed to enquire into the expediency of placing flag stones across Harrison street, at the angle or elbow on this street.

The resolution relative to Bottle alley, was returned from the Second Branch endorsed, dissented from.

The resolution relative to the sewer in Charles street, was read a second time and ordered to lie on the table.

The resolution relative to taking up the stone pavement between Lombard and German streets, was read a second time:

Mr. Dushane moved to strike out all after the word "provided," in in the 13th line, which was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Jenkins the resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Blair offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time and concurred in.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby authorised and directed to receive from the owners of pumps, situated within the new limits of direct taxation, provided they are in good repair, and that the same be kept in repair as other pumps are kept, under the existing ordinances of the city.

Mr. Jenkins offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in and sent to the Second Branch.

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Solicitor be and he is hereby directed, to transmit forthwith a petition to the Chancellor, on behalf of this corporation, praying him to appoint the Harbour Master, for the Western district of this city, to collect the wharfage on the wharves called Dugan's and McElderry's wharves, under the provisions of an act of Assembly, passed at the session of the Legislature just closed, whereby the Chancellor is authorised to appoint a person to collect wharfage on said wharves, until the suit now pending respecting the said wharves be finally decided.

The Second Branch returned the same endorsed, concurred in.

The bill entitled, An ordinance relative to an act of Assembly, shutting up a part of Holland street, was read a second time, passed and sent to the Second Branch.

The amendments proposed by the Second Branch to the ordinance to fill up Albemarle street dock, were read a second time and concurred in.

Mr. Sanders offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time and concurred in:

Resolved, That the committee on Rail Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of making some provision to prevent the standing of the cars, so as not to obstruct a free passage along the cross streets.

The branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

THOS. PHENIX, *Clk.*

Friday, March 16, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John I. Donaldson, Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs. Myers, Morris and Young.

The following communication was received from the Mayor, which was read and referred to the committee on Fire Companies.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
March 16th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council—

In compliance with your request, to "be informed why I convened the Presidents, Vice-Presidents, and Standing Committees of the several Fire Companies in May last, in the City Hall, &c."—I have the honor to observe that the cause was communicated to the gentlemen who assembled on that occasion, and if my memory serves me, there was a representation from every fire company in the city. I cannot at this distant day, give you the particulars, but certain irregularities; calculated in my opinion, and that of others, who I consulted, to destroy the harmony, and future usefulness of the fire department in our city, made it imperative on me, to use every means in my power to arrest the evil, and prevent if possible its recurrence. The subject matter was referred to a committee of one member from each fire company, who reported certain rules and regulations for the government of the fire companies, and those regulations were submitted to their respective companies —*Twelve* out of the whole number (being *fifteen*,) informed me by letter of their having acceded to the arrangement. The remaining *three* companies did not agree to the terms of the association at that time—if they have since, I have not been informed of it—I can only say I hope they have, as harmony is indispensable with a body of men who expose themselves to cold, and heat; in labouring to protect the property of their fellow-citizens.—And furthermore, regularity is necessary in order to secure the attendance of many of the oldest firemen now living amongst us, and whose experience is highly beneficial, but they are unwilling to witness any diminution of the high standing, heretofore held by the fire companies of our city.

Another reason why I hope they will all harmonise, is the fact, that damage, and danger, attends the practice of running the apparatus on the foot pavements; the subject was thought by me to be of sufficient im-

portance to call pour attention to it, in my annual communication.—That part of my communication was referred to a committee, and they reported, that as the *several fire companies had recently adopted* some efficient measures to correct this inconvenience, and to remove any further complaints, they thought therefore no further legislation upon that subject was necessary and desired to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.—If, however, the association is incomplete, it cannot be effective; and consequently the evil will not be remedied by them—I therefore take this opportunity of again calling your attention to that matter, as one well worthy your particular notice.

I have the honor to remain,

Yours, Respectfully,

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

The resolution for building a bridge at the junction of Hillen and Pleasant streets, was returned from the Second Branch endorsed, concurred in with the proposed amendment.

Amendment proposed.

After the word "purpose" in the 7th line, strike out all that follows and substitute the following: "provided, that Robert Howard and others, pay to the Register, on or before the 1st June next, the sum of $1400 for the construction of said bridge; and the said Commissioners are hereby authorised, with the approbation of the Mayor, to draw on the Register from time to time for such sum as the said bridge may cost, not exceeding the said sum—and that the said Commissioners are hereby authorised to draw on the Register in favour of Robert Howard and others for $1400, payable on the 1st June, 1833, to be paid out of any unappropriated money in the treasury."

Which was read a first time and laid on the table.

A communication from John Scott, Esq. counsel for the city, was received from the Mayor, which was read and referred to the committee on the Harbour.

The resolution authorising the City Commissioners to receive certain pumps, was returned from the Second Branch endorsed, concurred in.

A resolution from the committee on Fountains and Springs, was received from the Second Branch, read a first time and laid on the table.

A message was received from the Second Branch proposing when the City Council adjourn this evening they adjourn until Monday next, which was concurred in and the Second Branch informed by message.

Mr. Jones presented the petition of Emanuel Kent to alter a dwell-

ing house, which was read and referred to the committee on Fire Companies.

The following enrolled bills were handed to the Mayor for approval:

A resolution relating to an act of Assembly therein mentioned,

A resolution authorising the Register to do a certain act,

A resolution approving a certain act therein mentioned,

A resolution for repaving part of Pratt street,

A resolution permitting John & Thomas L. Berry to rebuild brick kilns,

A resolution for repairing the powder house,

A resolution for building a tunnel over Harford run at Monument street, and

An ordinance to fill up a part of Albemarle street dock.

Mr. Sanders presented the petition of Thomas Mullen, Sen. for an increase of his salary as market-master, which was read and referred to Messrs. Blair, Dushane and E. Stansbury.

Mr. Alricks from the committee delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Streets, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Allinder and others, relative to the situation of Market street, from Baltimore street, north, respectfully Report—that this part of Market street has never been graded, and the hill from Baltimore street, northerly, is impassable in consequence thereof—at the last session of the Council an appropriation was reported to be necessary by the committee who had this subject under consideration, but for reasons which are already known to the Council, the appropriation was never made. The necessity of a small appropriation to this object is peculiar, and ought not to be withheld, in as much as this is the great avenue from a large portion of Fell's Point to the northern limits of the city—at present, the citizens who reside in this section of the city, have no way by which they can reach the grounds appropriated to the burial of their dead. Your committee therefore report the resolution which was reported last year in reference to this street.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER,
} *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT,
} *Second Branch.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby authorised and directed to cut down and level Market street, Fell's Point, from Baltimore

street, northerly, so as to make this part of said street passable; and they are hereby authorised to draw on the Register, with the approbation of the Mayor, for any sum not exceeding two hundred dollars, or so much thereof as will be required to defray the expense of the same.

The resolution discharging the committee on Streets from further considering a subject therein mentioned, was read a second time, concurred in and sent to the Second Branch.

The resolution discharging the committee on Ways and Means from further considering the accounts of the Commissioners of Finance, was read a second time, concurred in and sent to the Second Branch.

The bill entitled, An ordinance relative to an act of Assembly, shutting up a part of Holland street, was returned from the Second Branch endorsed, will pass.

A resolution relative to Calvert street Spring, was received from the Second Branch, read a first time and laid on the table.

The Branch called up the order of the day, being the bill to regulate the Markets. Mr. Jones offered the following additional section:

Section 5. *And be it enacted and ordained*, That hereafter whenever the licenses shall be granted by the Register to any person or persons to sell or offer for sale any salted or cured meat in any of the markets, they shall pay to the Register the sum of 25 dollars for each and every market in which they may so sell or offor to sell; which license shall not authorise such person or persons to sell or offer for sale except on market days in the respective markets for which they shall have so taken out a license.

On motion of Mr. Jones the bill was then laid on the table.

The resolution discharging the committee on Streets from further considering a subject therein mentioned,

The Resolution discharging the committee on Ways and Means from further considering the accounts of the Commissioners of Finance,

The resolution for repaving part of Light street, were returned from the Second Branch, the two former endorsed, concurred in, the latter, dissented from.

A bill entitled, An ordinance to provide for altering the grade of part of Light street, was received from the Second Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and laid on the table.

Mr. Hubbard from the committee delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The committee on the Harbour, to whom was referred the petition of Robert Taylor and others, praying to be relieved from the provisions of an ordinance of last session, whereby the owner of every scow loaded or unloaded at any public wharf, was required to pay twenty five cents, for every such loading or unloading, respectfully

Report, That inasmuch as the ordinance complained of, has never been tested by a fair experiment; no tax having been ever paid by the said petitioners; and considering that the petitioners have endeavoured to frustrate the enforcement of the said ordinance, by refusing to conform to its provisions; and believing, as at present advised, that the provisions of the ordinance are just and should not be disturbed, they recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition, and the passage of the following resolution.

March 16th, 1832.

WM. HUBBARD,
WM. H. HANSON,
LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS, } *Committee First Branch.*

JAMES BEATTY,
WILLIAM INLOES, } *Committee Second Branch.*

Resolved, That the committee on the Harbour be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Robert Taylor and others.

On motion of Mr. Jenkins the Branch called up the bill entitled, An ordinance to provide for altering the grade of part of Light street. Mr. Alricks moved to refer it to the committee on Streets, which was concuured in by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Browning, Lauderman, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Hanson, Alricks, Sanders, Roney, Baxley, Amoss, Blair—11.

Nays—Messrs. President, E. Stansbury, Moale, Munroe, Jenkins, Gardner, Ridgely, Russell, Jones, Dushane—10.

Mr. Jones from the committee delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee to whom was referred the resolution for the purpose of enquiring into the expediency of this corporation adopting some measures to effect a removal of the obstructions in the river Susquehannah, erected under authority of the State of Pennsylvania,

Report, That believing that the interests and rights of our citizens are involved in this question, they have given it that deliberate attention which its importance requires; and we would ask the attention of the Council to a brief account of the state of the difficulties referred to. The Susquehanna river, from the earliest settlement of the country, has been used by those residing on its borders for the transportation of the products of their own industry, and as the channel for receiving from the seaboard such articles as their convenience required. This right of navigating such streams as pass through their own soil,

seems to have been viewed by them as a sound principle, sanctioned by the enlightened judgment of mankind, and essentially necessary to the commercial intercourse between neighbouring provinces. This is peculiarly the case under our happy form of government, strengthened as it has been, by the union, under one government, of the different States; and by which the free and unobstructed navigation of their rivers is calculated to develope their resources, increase their wealth and power, and promote the happiness of their respective citizens; and by binding the States more closely together, unite their interests into one, and render them members of the same family, citizens of the same republic.

The Legislature of Maryland, at its session in 1799, passed an act incorporating a Company to make a Canal from the river Delaware to the Chesapeake Bay, accompanied by a provision that the said act of Incorporation should be of no force or effect until a law should be passed by the State of Pennsylvania, declaring the river Susquehannah a public highway, and authorising individuals or bodies corporate, to remove any obstructions therein.

The State of Pennsylvania, in the year 1801, also passed an act to incorporate the said Canal Company, and, in accordance with the condition contained in the act of Maryland, expressly declared, "That the Susquehanna river, down to the Maryland line, shall be, and the same is hereby declared, to be a public highway, any act or law of *this* commonwealth to the contrary notwithstanding; and it shall and may be lawful for the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company, or any other body corporate, or individuals, to remove all natural and artificial obstructions therefrom." In following out the same friendly and liberal course which has always characterised the State of Maryland in her intercourse with her sister States, the Legislature of Maryland at their Session of 1813, declared, that in consideration of the act of Pennsylvania of 1801, the Susquehanna river, from the Maryland line to the Chesapeake, should forever be a public highway, and gave the same authority for the removal of obstructions therein.

Your committee have thus entered into the details of these legislative enactments, that the Council, and our citizens, if necessary, should understand the ground upon which this matter rests; that the Canal Company was incorporated upon the express condition, that the Susquehanna river should forever be a public highway; and that without this condition being complied with by an enactment or declaration of Pennsylvania in accordance with it, the charter of that company would not have been granted. Let us examine the subject still further: The citizens of this state, confiding in the declaration made by the enactments of two of the States through whose territory this river passes, have expended large sums in improving the bed of this river, to preserve its navigation free and unobstructed; and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, under the belief of the importance of accomplishing this object, have themselves expended the sum of $23,000 in removing obstructions therefrom. Having expended this large sum,

it becomes a matter of considerable interest, that we should look with a careful eye to see that it has not been uselessly expended, or rendered so by any improper or unwarrantable obstructions.

It is known to most of the citizens of Baltimore, that there has been erected under authority of the State of Pennsylvania, a number of obstructions in and across the Susquehanna river; that she has caused to be constructed three dams entirely across that river, of heavy timber and masonry, and not less than eight feet above the bed of that river: one at a place called Duncan's Island, another at a place called Shamokin, and the third at or near a place called Nanticoke: that these dams prevent the descent of boats or arks down the river, except by a dangerous sluice, which has occasioned great loss to many of our citizens interested in the trade of that river, and which have obliged some of them to abandon it altogether.

That the erection of these dams is a direct infraction of the terms upon which the Canal Company was incorporated; in express violation of the declaration of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, declaring said river forever a public highway, and that they are a great and serious injury to many of our citizens, will not be denied by any impartial mind. The Legislature of Maryland viewing this subject in the same light, appointed Commissioners to protest to the state of Pennsylvania against the continuance of these obstructions, but without effect. At the present session they have referred the subject to the Governor and Council, with authority to direct the Attorney General to institute such proceedings as in their opinion the subject requires.

We are unacquainted with the disposition and feelings of our citizens if they will tamely submit to the injustice and oppression of allowing these obstructions to their trade with the Susquehanna country to continue without an effort to obtain their removal. As their direct representatives, we trust the Mayor and City Council will feel themselves called upon to act uopn the subject in such manner as they may consider their interest require. We believe that nothing but some vigorous measures will accomplish this object, for the citizens of Baltimore have already experienced too much of that predominating influence of a rival interest, which has always had sufficient power to continue these oppressions against all the remonstrances which have been urged against them, to think their repetition will be respected, and believing that the trade of that river is important to the citizens of Baltimore, inasmuch as many of them have invested large funds in objects which would be rendered useless without the navigation of the Susquehanna remaining unimpeded; we offer the subjoined resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Baltimore, 16th *March*, 1832.

WM. GWYNN JONES, } *Committee.*
WM. H. HANSON, } *First Branch.*
BENEDICT I. SANDERS, }

SAMUEL MOORE, } *Committee*
JAS. BEATTY, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved, *by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore*, That a committee of three from the First and two from the Second Branch, be appointed to prepare and present a memorial to his Excellency the Governor and Council of Maryland, praying them to instruct the Attorney General of the State to procure an injunction to prevent the repairing the dams and obstructions, now in part removed by the late flood in the Susquehannah river, and also an injunction to prevent the use of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, or any part thereof, until the State of Pennsylvania shall conform to the provisions under which the charter of said Canal Company was granted by the State of Maryland, by removing effectually and entirely the three dams erected under authority of said State in the river Susquehanna, and by that means rendering the river again a public highway.

Resolved, That the Committee report the result of their application, made in conformity to the preceding resolution, to the next annual session of the City Council.

Mr. Hubbard from the committee delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The committee on the Harbour, to whom was referred the petition of G. W. Miller and others, complaining of an overflow of water from Jones' Falls, and suggesting a remedy therefor; and also a resolution from the first Branch on the same subject respectfully report,

That having given to the subject that mature and deliberate consideration, to which, from its great importance, it was justly entitled; they are of opinion, that whilst the remedy suggested by the petitioners, might possibly prevent the future recurrence of the particular grievance, still that the application of the preventive, would be followed by the most serious inconveniences to the city at large.

The petitioners suggest that the course of the Falls should be straightened near the point of its junction with the basin. If that plan were carried into effect, we must in order to maintain that important link of connection between the Eastern and Western sections of the city, erect a suitable bridge; which would of itself be an obstruction to the free passage of the water or ice in extraordinary freshets, and occasion a repetition of the inconveniences so justly complained of. The committee have also considered, that the Harbour would be seriously prejudiced by such a change, inasmuch as the sediment which now remains in the Falls in consequence of the obstruction interposed to its further passage by this very curvature of its course, would in the event of its being straightened, pass freely and entirely into the Harbour. The committee cannot therefore recommend the adoption of this suggestion.

But are the petitioners consequently to go without relief? It is true, the evil of which they complain, happens but rarely and at long intervals,—It is true, that its late occurrence may be attributable in part to the extreme and almost unprecedented severity of the past season; still it may occur again, and the petitioners, as well from consi-

derations attaching to their personal respectability, as from motives of public policy, are entitled to the assistance of the corporation, when it can be rendered without greater injury to the city at large. Believing that the city commissioners, if they had the means at their disposal, might greatly diminish, if they could not entirely prevent any future overflow of the Falls, upon the property of the petitioners, they recommend the subjoined resolution to the favourable consideration of the Councils, it being substantially the same as the one referred to us from the first Branch.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

March 16, 1832,

WM. HUBBARD,
WM. H HANSON,
LOUIS W. JENKINS. } *First Branch.*

JAS. BEATTY,
WM. INLOES. } *Second Branch.*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That whenever there is a prospect of an extraordinary rise in the water of Jones' Falls, so as to threaten an overflow upon the adjacent property, it shall be the duty of the City Commissioners, upon receiving information to that effect from any of the residents or property holders in that vicinity, to take prompt and active measures, and employ a sufficient force, to prevent the obstruction of damming up of the said waters; and to draw upon the Register, with the approbation of the Mayor, for the amount of any expenses that may be incurred in any such service.

Mr. Louderman presented the petition of John Miskimmon and others, praying an advance of wages for scraping the streets, which was read and referred to the committee on Health.

The branch then adjourned until Monday afternoon.

By order,

THOS. PHENIX, *Clk.*

Monday, March 19, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John I. Donaldson, Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs. Morris and Young.

The following communications were received from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
March 19th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council—

I have approved and signed "An ordinance to fill up a part of Albemarle street dock"—a "resolution approving a certain act therein mentioned"—a "resolution for repaving part of Pratt street"—a "resolution permitting John and Thomas L. Berry to rebuild brick-kilns"—a "resolution for repairing the powder house"—a "resolution authorising the Register to do a certain act"—a "resolution for building a tunnel over Harford run, at Monument street"—and a "resolution relating to an act of assembly therein mentioned."

Respectfully, yours, &c.

WM. STEUART, Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
March 19th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council.

In conformity with your request, to be informed what difficulties, if any, exist in enforcing the ordinances relative to placing obstructions on Dugan's and M'Elderry's wharves," I have the honor to inform you, that according to the wishes of the Corporation, as expressed in resolution No. 6, approved January 24th, 1831, I effected an arrangement with Cumberland Dugan, Esq. for the repairs of Market space wharf, then in a dilapidated state—that by said arrangement the expenses about to be incurred were to be paid by the party in whose favour the Chancellor of Maryland might then award the right to collect wharfage upon said wharf. The City Commissioners were ordered by me to make the repairs, and the cost of them as shewn by the Register's summary, was *twenty-two hundred and sixty-two dollars and seventy-six* cents—That a short time before the completion of the repairs, I was furnished with the decision of the Chancellor, which went to prohibit either Cumberland Dugan, esq. or the Mayor and City

Council of Baltimore, from collecting wharfage upon said wharves—We had, however, entered into contracts with certain individuals to make the repairs, and they had very far progressed in completing the work; we were therefore compelled to have it finished. Shortly after that time, a communication was handed to me, signed by Robert Armstrong and twenty-five others, owners and occupiers of property on M'Elderry's and Dugan's wharves, requesting me to require the *Harbour Master* to arrange, and move the vessels in Market space dock, &c. in the manner specified in the ordinances of the city—which ordinances also give to him a compensation for the duties required. Being desirous of accommodating the citizens who had made the communication, and all others doing business on those wharves, I immediately consulted with some of them, as to the best course to be pursued, and came to the conclusion in my own mind, that to let the wharf remain as it now is, without any authority to collect, or any time specified, for the vessels to remain in the dock, would be highly injurious to the owners and occupiers of property fronting on those wharves—in which opinion I was strengthened by a great many of those gentlemen. We concluded that a *public wharf* was but another term for a *public nuisance*—That the corporation of the city of Baltimore ought to keep the dock of a sufficient depth of water, and the wharves in repair, and to collect wharfage upon the same, to enable them to do so, and nine-tenths of the proprietors were willing to solicit the legislature to give that power to the Corporation. On my part I offered (in consideration of their willingness to join in an application to the legislature) to direct the Harbour Master to attend to the duty in the same manner he had done heretofore, when paid for it; and that I would communicate the fact to the Councils at their annual session, and solicit for him a fair remuneration for the services rendered—So confident were we all of having made an arrangement mutually advantageous, that a memorial was drawn and signed by Mr. John Diffenderffer, and a number of other property holders, but it was arrested by the refusal of Mr. Robert Armstrong to sign the memorial. I called upon him myself, after I heard of his declining to join his neighbours in their effort to restore order among the vessels, &c., and to my astonishment, he stated to me for the first time, that he was desirous of collecting the wharfage himself, and as he was the owner of several houses fronting on the wharves, he thought they (the proprietors) had the best right to collect the wharfage, and further, that he had thought of the subject, and was determined to apply to the legislature for permission to collect wharfage, &c. &c. Finding there was no longer a probability of our acting harmoniously upon the subject, I declined giving the instructions to the Harbour Master as proposed—and the consequence has been, a good deal of interruption in the business of the wharves—It however is no more than was calculated upon by many of the property-holders, and was stated to Mr. Armstrong as likely to be the situation of this property, if permitted to remain a *public wharf*—in the manner contemplated by the decree of the Chancellor.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

The enrolled ordinance relative to an act of assembly shutting up a part of Holland street, and the resolution authorizing the City Commissioners to receive certain pumps, were this day handed to the Mayor for approval.

Mr. Alricks presented the memorial of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company for permission to extend their track of rail road from its present depot to Pratt street, and from thence to tide water; which was read and referred to the committee on Rail Roads.

The resolution discharging the committee on the Harbour from further considering the memorial of Robert Taylor and others, was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Hubbard, it was recommitted.

Mr. Munroe from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee to whom was referred the proposals of James Wilson and John M'Kim, jr. for the purchase of the property of the city on Holliday street, have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that neither ought to be accepted, believing the property in question to be worth much more than the highest offer made, $7100. The committee therefore recommend that the said property be offered for sale by public auction under the authority of the Register at such time and upon such terms as the Mayor and the Presidents of the two branches of the Council may deem most advisable for the interest of the city.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ISAAC MUNROE,
JOHN E. STANSBURY,
HENRY MYERS,
} *Committee. First Branch.*

SAMUEL MOORE,
WM. INLOES,
} *Committee Second Branch.*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the property of the city on Holliday street be offered at public auction under the authority of the Register, at such time and upon such terms as the Mayor and the Presidents of the two branches of the City Council may deem most advisable for the interest of the city.

The branch called up the bill making appropriations for the year 1832.

On motion of Mr. Jenkins, the branch went into committee of the whole, Mr. Hubbard in the chair.

The Committee after sitting some time, rose and reported the bill as amended, which was read a second time.

Mr. Alricks moved to lay the bill on the table, which was dissented from.

The bill was then passed and sent to the Second Branch.

The amendment proposed by the Second Branch to the resolution for building a bridge at the junction of Hillen and Pleasant street, was read a second time.

Mr. Sanders moved to amend the amendment by striking out the words "on or before the 1st June next," in the 4th line, which was concurred in.

The question was then taken on the amendments and dissented from.

On motion of Mr. Sanders a message was sent to the Second Branch requesting a committee of conference, and appointing for this branch Messrs. Sanders, Dushane and Hanson.

Mr. Alricks from the committee delivered the following reports and resolutions, which were read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Streets, to whom was referred the petition of Geo. M. Gill and others relative to walling that part of Harford run passing over the bed of Canal street from Pitt to Orleans street, respectfully Report, that by a standing ordinance of the corporation one thousand dollars was annually appropriated to this object, until last year, when the deficiency in the funds of the corporation rendered it necessary to discontinue this appropriation.

As this part of the run has been located in the centre of a public street it is impossible that any improvements could be made thereon, without the run's first being walled, so as to protect private property from the injuries occasioned by the washings and overflowings of the stream.

The standing ordinance upon this subject was passed in consequence of the original bed of this run being changed from Eden street to its present location, to the great injury of private property. At present no improvement can take place upon this stream without its being walled, which would protect private property, and secure the health of the neighbourhood against the effects of stagnant water. Your committee therefore report the appropriation which was authorised under the standing ordinance, and which will suffice for one square.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN, } *Second Branch*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby authorised and directed, to wall up Harford run, on Canal street; and to pave the bottom of the same, from Pitt to Holland street, in a similar manner to that south of Pitt street: and they are hereby authorised to draw on the Register, with the approbation of the Mayor, for any sum not exceeding one thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expense of the same.

The joint committee on Streets, in accordance with the resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of repaving Wilk street, from the east side of Apple alley to the west side of Market street, Fell's Point, respectfully Report, That as early as practicable, (without giving it precedence of other streets, whose condition they had been instructed to inquire into) they examined into the condition of this street, and found it extremely rough and uneven, and in many places the stones had been entirely displaced. They are therefore of opinion it ought to be repaved, and accordingly report the subjoined resolution.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN, } *Second Branch*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorised and directed, to take up the stone pavement on Wilk street, from the west side of Market street to the east side of Apple alley, and repave the same: and they are hereby authorised to draw on the Register, with the approbation of the Mayor, for any sum not exceeding
or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expense of the same.

Mr. Hubbard moved to adjourn.

Yeas—Messrs. President, Louderman, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Hanson, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Roney, Munroe, Gardner, Russell, Amos, Blair---13.

Nays—Messrs. Alricks, Jenkins, Ridgely, Baxley---4.

Determined in the affirmative.

The branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

THOS. PHENIX, *Clk.*

Tuesday, March 20, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John I. Donaldson, Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs. Myers, Young and Blair.

Mr. Alricks offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the City Commissioners report to this branch when the grade of Charles street, from Pleasant street to Franklin street, was fixed, and what grade was fixed.

Mr. Dushane presented the petition of Danl. Carson and others for lamps, which was read and referred to the committee on lighting the city.

Mr. Jenkins presented the memorial of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road company, praying an amendment to the ordinance of last session relating to the introduction of that rail road into the city, which was read and referred to the committee on Rail Roads.

Mr. Sanders presented the memorial of Richard Frisby, which was read and referred to the committee on the Harbour.

Mr. Jones from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Eml. Kent, respectfully Report,

That the petitioner asks permission to place a barge board to his dwelling house in place of a fire wall. Your commtttee believing that the request ought not to be granted, as the Council seems to have particularly provided against the erection of houses with barge boards.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr. } *Committee.*
HENRY MYERS,

Resolved, That the committee to whom was referred the petition of Eml. Kent, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Mr. Moale from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

The joint committee to whom was referred the report of the Commissioners of Finance, beg leave to report, that in compliance with the ninth section of the ordinance relative to the public debt of the city of Baltimore, they have examined the account accompanying the same, and find it correctly stated, and the different items supported by the necessary vouchers. That in continuance of their duty under the said act, they have cancelled and destroyed the certificates of the public debt, as follows: No. 77 for twenty-six hundred dollars; No. 134 for four thousand dollars; No. 218 for nine hundred and fifty-seven dollars and forty-three cents; No. 219 for nine hundred and fifty-seven dollars and forty-four cents, being all certificates of five per centum stocks of the said city, redeemable after the first day of January, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, in possession of the said Commissioners, and which had become the property of the said city, and amounting to the sum of eight thousand five hundred and fourteen dollars and eighty-seven cents. The committee therefore submit the following resolutions.

SAML. MOALE,
LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS, } *First Branch.*

F. LUCAS, Jr.
WILLIAM REANEY, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved by both Branches of the City Council, That the joint committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Commissioners of Finance, be, and they are hereby discharged from the further consideration thereof.

And Resolved further, That the said accounts, with the report of the Commissioners of Finance, be referred to the joint committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Gardner presented the petition of William Drake, which was read and referred to the committee on Streets.

The two branches met in convention, and after sitting a short time adjourned.

The resolution from the committee on Fountains and Springs was read a second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Alricks from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Streets, in obedience to the resolution instructing them to enquire into the expediency of repaving Frederick street, north and south of Baltimore street, respectfully report, that they have examined said street, and deem it inexpedient to repave it at the present time, and report accordingly.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN, } *Second Branch*

Resolved by both branches of the City Council, That the joint committee on Streets be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution relative to repaving Frederick street, north and south of Baltimore street, and that the same be referred to the consideration of the City Commissioners.

Mr. E. Stansbury from the committee delivered the following report, and a bill entitled A supplement to an Ordinance to regulate nine and ten pin alleys, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Police, to whom was referred the memorial of Edward Lavany and others, relative to ten pin alleys, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report by supplement.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr.
VALENTINE DUSHANE, } *First Branch.*
WM. RONEY,

SAMUEL MOORE,
WILLIAM REANEY, } *Second Branch.*

A message was received from the Second Branch appointing Messrs. Stouffer and Moore the committee of conference on the resolution for a bridge at the intersection of Hillen and Pleasant streets.

Mr. Jones from the committee, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The committee to whom was referred the resolution relative to the great flow of water through Liberty street during heavy rains,

Report, That after an examination into the subject they are satisfied that no remedy can be devised within the present means of the corporation, and although the evil to which their attention has been directed, subjects many of our citizens to great inconvenience, yet, as it is the result of the grading of some of the streets, which cannot now be altered, and the expense of any other method would be greater than they think it would justify at this time, they offer the subjoined resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
GEO. BAXLEY,
VALENTINE DUSHANE, } *Committee.*

Resolved, That the committee to whom was referred the resolution relative to Liberty street, be, and they are hereby discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The bill making appropriations for the year 1832, was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed will pass with the proposed amendments, which were read a first, and by special order the second time.

Amendments proposed.

Strike out twenty-five thousand dollars for deepening and improving the harbour, and insert thirty thousand dollars.

Strike out six thousand dollars for repairs of pumps and wells, and insert four thousand dollars.

The first amendment was concurred in. Mr. Ridgely moved to amend the second amendment by inserting "five" instead of "four"—which was concurred in.

The branch called up the bill relating to the several markets.

The substitute for the 4th section proposed by Mr. Jones was concurred in.

Mr. Ridgely offered the following, as the 5th section, which was concurred in.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted and ordained*, That market hours shall begin at day light in the morning, and end at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

Mr. E. Stansbury offered the following, as the 6th section, which was concurred in.

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted and ordained*, That the first fish stalls in the Centre Market shall be licensed at the following rates: Nos. 14 and 15 at fifty dollars each; 16 and 17, forty-five dollars each; 18 and 19 at forty dollars; 20 and 21 at thirty dollars each; 22 and 23, twenty dollars each; 24 and 25, at fifteen dollars each; and the rest of the Centre stalls at twelve dollars each; and the eve stalls No. 63 and 64, at twenty dollars each; 61 and 62 at fifteen dollars each; 59 and 60 at twelve dollars each; and the rest of the eve stalls at eight dollars each.

On motion of Mr. Jones the bill was laid on the table, and 50 copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Moale offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Mayor be, and is hereby authorised and directed to unite with individuals owning or possessing and claiming to own the major part, in extent of front feet on Dugan's and M'Elderry's wharves, to apply to the Chancellor to appoint a fit person as receiver to collect from all persons using said wharves, as particularly set forth in an act of the General Assembly of Maryland, entitled "An act relating to Dugan's and M'Elderry's wharves, in the city of Baltimore," passed at December session 1831, and to do all other acts and things in behalf of this corporation which according to the provisions of said act it may be necessary for the said Mayor to certify and perform.

Be it further resolved, That the resolution approved the 19th of March, 1832, directing the Solicitor to transmit a petition to the Chancellor in behalf of this corporation, for purposes in said resolution mentioned, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Mr. Jenkins offered the following as a substitute for the preceding, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That if the individuals owning, or in possession of or claiming to own the major part in extent of front feet, of the wharves called Dugan's and M'Elderry's wharves, refuse to unite in the recommendation of the Harbor Master of the Western District to the Chancellor, to be receiver and collector of wharfage for the said wharf, under the act of assembly entitled "An act relating to Dugan's and M'Elderry's wharves, in the city of Baltimore," passed at December session, 1831, then the Mayor shall be, and he is hereby authorised to unite with the said property holders, in behalf of the appointment of any other person, that may seem a qualified, proper and satisfactory person to him and to them.

The question was then taken on the final passage of the resolution, and it was concurred in.

Mr. Ridgely from the committee, delivered the following report and a bill entitled An ordinance for the erection of additional gas lamps, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on lighting the city, to whom was referred the petitions and resolutions for gas lamps, take leave to report the following ordinance.

Respectfully submitted.

Baltimore, *March* 21st, 1832.

NOAH RIDGELY,
HENRY R. LOUDERMAN,
GEORGE GARDNER,
} *Committee First Branch.*

JOSHUA MOTT,
THOMAS SEWELL,
RICHARD BEVAN,
} *Comm. Second Branch.*

The report of the committee on Fire Companies was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Hubbard the resolution was laid on the table.

The branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

THOS. PHENIX, *Clk.*

Wednesday, March 21, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John I. Donaldson, Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs. Myers, Young and Blair.

Mr. Alricks from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Streets, to whom was referred the second petition of Luke Tiernan and others relative to regrading and repaving Light street, from Baltimore to Pratt street; and also the ordinance for regrading and repaving a part of this street, respectfully Report, That they have again examined this street, and are of opinion it ought to be regraded and repaved from Baltimore to Pratt street, as prayed for in both the petitions upon this subject, and as provided for in the resolution heretofore presented by your committee: but as the Council have decided differently by adopting amendments which went to defeat this object, they would recommend the adoption of the ordinance referred to them, with the amendment we have annexed thereto, and accordingly report the same and the amendment, together with the subjoined resolution.

T. P. ALRICKS,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch*

Resolved, That the joint committee on streets be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Benjamin Ellicott and others, relative to regrading and repaving Light street from Baltimore to Pratt street.

Mr. Munroe from the committee, presented the following, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Education, to whom was referred a petition from Christian Keener and others, "asking permission to use a portion of the old Alms House for a Sunday school," respectfully report—

That they are fully sensible of the great utility of the system of Sunday schools, and would be much pleased if they could, consistently with the interests of the public schools, gratify the present application. Having ascertained, however, that the Mayor and City Council

were charged before the legislature, in their late contest with the House of Refuge, with culpable neglect, because they had not constantly received rent for that property; and that the accusation founded upon that fact, was gravely and seriously entertained by a considerable portion of the members of the General Assembly, they feel unwilling to risk another controversy, by subjecting themselves to a like charge.

It has also been made known to the committee, that a rent considerably greater than the sum heretofore paid, has been offered by the United States for the use of that house as a summer garrison—with a view to reduce, as far as practicable, the heavy debt still attaching to the property in question, we deem it to be the imperative duty of the corporation, as the trustees of that property, to receive the amount of rent offered for the approaching season, and apply it to the reduction of the debt, if the property be not previously sold.

Under the influence of these views, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

ISAAC MUNROE,
LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS, } *First Branch.*
CORBIN AMOS,

SAMUEL MOORE,
JAS. BEATTY, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved, That the committee on Education be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Christian Keener and others.

Mr. Jenkins moved that a message be sent to the Second Branch, proposing with their concurrence that the City Council adjourn sine die on Saturday, 31st inst. The Second Branch concurred by message.

Mr. Jones gave notice he should call up the Market bill tomorrow.

Mr. Sanders from the committee, presented the following report, and a bill entitled An ordinance authorising the erection of a bridge over Jones' Falls, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, passed, and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same, endorsed will pass.

The committee of Conference to whom was referred the petition of Robert Howard and others relative to a bridge over Jones' Falls, at the junction of Hillen and Pleasant street, beg leave to report by ordinance, which is respectfully submitted.

BENEDICT I. SANDERS,
WM. H. HANSON, } *First Branch.*
VALENTINE DUSHANE,

HENRY STOUFFER,
SAMUEL MOORE, } *Second Branch.*

The Second Branch returned the bill making appropriations for the

year 1832, endorsed concurred in with the amendment to the amendment.

The report of the committee on Fire Companies was read a second time. Mr. Hubbard moved to add at the end of the resolution the following: "And also a certificate of membership of the Baltimore Firemen's Association," which was dissented from by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. Browning, Louderman, Hubbard, Baxley—4.

Nays—Messrs. President, J. E. Stansbury, Hanson, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Roney, Morris, Moale, Munroe, Jenkins, Gardner, Ridgely, Russell, Jones, Amos, Dushane—17.

The report was then concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same endorsed concurred in.

The following communication was received from the Mayor, which was read and referred to Messrs. Morris, Jenkins and Hubbard.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
March 21st, 1832.

Gentlemen of the City Council—

Upon the receipt of the decision of the honorable the Chancellor of Maryland, relative to Dugan's and M'Elderry's wharves, in June last, I consulted with the Counsellor of the City, and through his means obtained a land warrant, covering the whole ground which is the subject of litigation, which is herewith submitted. You will perceive by the terms of the warrant that the return must be made within one year from the date thereof.

I would respectfully call your attention to the propriety of ordering the survey, and necessary payment into the Land Office of the amount so returned, by the Surveyor.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. STEUART, Mayor.

A communication from the City Commissioners, in compliance with a resolution of this branch, was received, read, and referred to the committee on Streets.

The resolution relative to taking up the stone pavement between Lombard and German streets, was read a second time and dissented from by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. President, Sanders, Jenkins, Gardner, Ridgely, Jones, Amos—7.

Nays—Messrs. Browning, Louderman, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Hanson, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Roney, Morris, Moale, Munroe, Russell, Baxley, Dushane—14.

Mr. Ridgely from the committee, delivered the following report and a bill entitled An ordinance for the erection and removal of lamps, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on lighting the city to whom was referred so much of the Mayor's annual communication, as relates to lighting the city, and the several petitions and resolutions on the same subject, have had the same under consideration, and take leave to report the accompanying bill. Respectfully submitted.

March 21*st*, 1832.

NOAH RIDGELY,
HENRY R. LOUDERMAN,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *Committee of the First Branch.*

JOSHUA MOTT,
RICHARD BEVAN, } *Committee of the Second Branch.*

A bill entitled An ordinance authorising the sale of the old Alms House property, was received from the Second Branch, read a first time and laid on the table.

The report of the committee on the petition of Emanuel Kent;

The resolution authorising the City Commissioners to alter the grade of Courtland street; and

The report of the committee on Liberty street; were severally read a second time and concurred in.

Mr. Russell presented the petition of Isaac Clare and others for flag stones, which was read and referred to the committee on Streets.

The resolution for repaving part of Charles street was read a second time. On motion of Alricks the blank was filled with $730; the resolution was then concurred in.

Mr. E. Stansbury from the committee delivered the following report, and a bill, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Police, to whom was referred the petition of Patrick Riley and others relative to Flying Horses, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report by supplement.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr.
WM. RONEY,
VALENTINE DUSHANE, } *First Branch.*

SAMUEL MOORE,
WILLIAM REANEY, } *Second Branch.*

The resolution from the committee on Fountains and Springs, was read a second time and concurred in.

Mr. Munroe offered the following, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Ordered, That the joint committee on Fire Companies be instructed to report an ordinance preventing any engine, or any of the apparatus

attached thereto, from being drawn upon the side walks of the city.

The resolution relative to repaving Block street was read a second time and concurred in.

The resolution relative to Uhler's sewer was read a second time and concurred in.

The resolution relative to Jones' Falls was read a second time and concurred in.

The resolution for cutting down and levelling Market street, F. P. was read a second time and concurred in.

The resolution for disposing of the city property on Holliday street, was read a second time. Mr. Jones moved to strike out all after the word resolved, and insert the following:

"That it is inexpedient at this time to adopt any measure to dispose of the property of the city on Holliday street."

Which was dissented from. On motion of Mr. Jenkins the resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

The following communication was received from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
March 21st, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council—

I have approved and signed "An ordinance relative to an act of Assembly shutting up a part of Holland street," and a "resolution authorising the City Commissioners to receive certain pumps."

Respectfully, yours, &c.

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

The resolution for filling up Park lane was read a second time and concurred in.

Mr. Jenkins offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the committee on Rail Roads report an ordinance to regulate cars on the rail-ways within the city, when they are not actually employed; and to prevent idle and mischievous persons from running cars along the said rail ways; and to fix a penalty for driving cars or permitting them to run along the rail ways in the city, at a greater speed than that limited by the ordinances.

The branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

THOS. PHENIX, *Clk.*

Thursday, March 22, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John I. Donaldson, Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs. Myers, Morris, Moale and Young.

Mr. Dushane presented an act of assembly to authorise the occlusion of part of Emory street, which was read, and on motion of Mr. Dushane, a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing to refer it to a joint committee, and appointing for this branch Messrs. Dushane, Blair and Gardner. The Second Branch appointed Messrs. Stouffer Bevan and Mott, and informed this branch by message.

Mr. Jones offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council, That the director of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road company, on the part of the city, be and he is hereby requested to inform this branch as early as practicable, whether that company has adopted any measures to suspend or abandon their intention of extending their road to the City Block and Alms House property, and if any such measures have been adopted, what reasons have caused their adoption.

Mr. Blair presented the petition of Michael Craft and others for altering the grade of Biddle street, which was read and sent to the Second Branch with a message proposing to refer it to a joint committee, and appointing for this branch Messrs. Blair, Hanson and Ridgely —the Second Branch appointed Messrs. Stouffer, Bevan and Mott, and informed this branch by message.

Mr. Hanson presented the petition of Francis I. Dallam, relative to paving, which was read and referred to the committee on Claims.

The following communication was received from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Baltimore,
March 22d, 1832.

Gentlemen of the City Council—

I have the honor to transmit for your consideration, a copy of an act of the legislature of Maryland, entitled "An act to condemn and make public, a certain piece or lot of ground therein mentioned."

Which is respectfully submitted.

WM. STEUART, Mayor.

Mr. Jones moved that the act of assembly be printed in pamphlet form, and that it be referred to the committee on Markets.

Mr. Jenkins moved that it be printed on the journal, which was dissented from.

Mr. Jones withdrew the motion for printing, and it was referred as proposed.

The resolution on the petition of Christian Keener and others, and

The resolution authorising the City Commissioners to change the situation of a sewer, were read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

Mr. Amos from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch, who returned the same, endorsed concurred in.

The joint committee on Health, to whom was referred the memorial of Patrick Doyle and others, and the petition of John Hickman and others, praying for an increase of their daily wages for services therein specified, Report, that they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that their cases are amply provided for in an ordinance to preserve the health of the city of Baltimore, &c. approved April 29th, 1827, which invests the health commissioners with full power to employ the various persons necessary for cleaning the streets, &c. and of regulating their wages; they therefore ask leave to submit the following resolution.

Baltimore, March 22d, 1832.

CORBIN AMOS,
NOAH RIDGELY,
HENRY R. LOUDERMAN, } *First Branch.*

WILLIAM REANEY,
M. GRAFTON, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the memorial of Patrick Doyle and others, and the petition of John Hickman and others, be referred to the Commissioners of Health, and that the joint committee on Health be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Donaldson from the committee on Ways and Means, reported a bill entitled An ordinance for the valuation and assessment of property in the city of Baltimore, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The report of the committee on Streets relative to altering the grade of Light street, was read a second time.

The question was on the amendment proposed by the committee to the bill from the Second Branch, which was dissented from, and on motion, the subject was laid on the table.

The bill for altering the grade of part of Light street, was again called up. Mr. Jenkins moved to amend by striking out in the 5th line, the words "in such manner as they", and insert the word "if," which was concurred in. Also to strike out "fronting on that part of Light street aforesaid" and insert "to be affected thereby," which was concurred in." After the word "discretion" in the 5th line, add "they", and after the word "deem," in 6th line, add "it." The bill as amended was passed and sent to the Second Branch.

The bill entitled An ordinance for the erection of additional gas lamps was read a second time. Mr. Jenkins moved to strike out "one at the west side of Sharp street, opposite Joseph Todhunter's house," w hich was dissented from by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. Browning, Hubbard, Alricks, Roney, Jenkins, Dushane—6.

Nays—Messrs. President, Louderman, J. E. Stansbury, Hanson, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Munroe, Gardner, Ridgely, Russell, Jones, Baxley, Amos, Blair—14.

On motion of Mr. Ridgely the blank was filled with $159. On motion of Mr. Jenkins the bill was ordered to lie on the table.

The bill entitled An ordinance to regulate nine and ten pin alleys was read a second time. Mr. Jones moved to amend by striking out "$100," the license for the alley, which was concurred in. On motion of Mr. Sanders the blank was filled with 50 dollars.

Mr. Blair moved to strike out "nine or ten pin," in the 2d line, 3d section, and after the word alley add, "device or structure," which was concurred in.

Mr. Dushane moved to add after the word "structure," "where one or more pins are set up," which was concurred in. Mr. Hanson moved to insert "10 o'clock in the winter months, and all other months in the year at," which was dissented from.

Mr. Jones moved to add after the word "he," the word "she," which was concurred in.

The bill was then passed and sent to the Second Branch.

Mr. Jenkins offered the following order, which was read a first and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Ordered, That the committee on Lamps be instructed to inqure and report to this Branch the reasons why the gas lamps of the city do not give the steady, equal and constant light contemplated by the Councils when they authorized their erection; and whether any and what deduction has been made, in the charge against the city for the use of those lamps.

Mr. Hubbard from the committee presented the following, which were read a first time and laid on the table.

The Committee on the harbour to whom was referred the petition of James Fields and others for the walling of Harford Run, between east Baltimore and Pitt streets, have had the same under consideration and are of opinion with the petitioners that the raising of the walls of Harford Run, to a level with East Baltimore and Pitt streets, would be a very desirable improvement, but inasmuch as the Committee on Streets has reported a resolution authorizing the walling said run from Pitt to Holland street, which, in the opinion of your committee, is of much greater importance, and will involve as great an expenditure of money as can be with propriety appropriated for this object the present season. With this view of the subject, they submit the following resolution—

WM. HUBBARD,
WM. H. HANSON,
LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS, } *First Branch.*

JAMES BEATTY, *Second Branch.*

Resolved, That the Committee on the Harbour be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The committee on Rail Roads to whom was referred the memorial of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company, respectfully report, That the Company ask permission of the Mayor and City Council to construct a tract of their road from their present depot on Belvidere street to Pratt street and thence to tide water. Anxious at all times to afford any facilities which might tend to promote the interests of the great works of internal improvement now in progress among our citizens, your committee have deliberately considered the application of this company, and by referring to the Ordinances already passed by the corporation upon the subject of the extension of this road to tide water, they are convinced it would be inexpedient at this time to grant the prayer of the petitioners; they therefore offer the subjoined resolution. Respectfully submitted.

March 22d, 1832.

WM. HUBBARD,
WM. GWYNN JONES,
LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS, } *Committee First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
JAMES BEATTY, } *Committee Second Branch.*

Resolved, That the Committee on Rail Roads be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of the Baltimore and Susquehannah rail road Company.

The report and resolution on the petition of Christian Keener and others,

The report and resolution authorising the City Commissioners to change the situation of a sewer,

The report and resolution on the petition of Nicholas Cornelius, relative to Uhler's sewer,

The report and resolution authorising the City Commissioners to alter the grade of Courtland street,

The report and resolution for repaving part of Charles street,

The report and resolution of the joint committee, relative to repaving Block street,

The report and resolution relative to Jones' Falls,

The resolution for cutting down and levelling Market street, F. P.,

The resolution for filling up Park lane, between Cove and Pine sts.,

The resolution discharging the committee on Ways and Means from further considering the accounts of the Commissioners of Finance, were returned from the Second Branch severally endorsed, concurred in.

The resolution relative to Cider alley was read a second time. On motion of Mr. Alricks the blank was filled with $469 17-100. The resolution was then concurred in.

The resolution for repairing part of Lancaster street was read a second time. On motion of Mr. Alricks the blank was filled with $120, and the resolution was concurred in.

The resolution for repaving part of Wills street was read a second time. On motion of Mr. Alricks the blank was filled with $525, and the resolution was concurred in.

The resolution for repaving part of Market street, F. P. was read a second time. On motion of Mr. Alricks the blank was filled with $94 50-100, and the resolution was concurred in.

Mr. Browning moved to adjourn.

Ayes—Messrs. President, Browning, Hanson, Munroe, Gardner, Russell, Blair—7.

Nays—Messrs. Louderman, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Roney, Jenkins, Ridgely, Jones, Baxley, Amos, Dushane—13.

Determined in the negative.

The bill to regulate the several markets was read a second time. Mr. Hanson moved to add the word "market" before the word "day," in the 5th line, which was concurred in. Mr. Jenkins moved to make the same addition in the 6th line, which was concurred in.

Mr. Blair moved to insert after the word "clerk," in the 5th line, "assistant clerk," which was concurred in: also, the same amendment in the 3d section. Mr. Ridgely moved to strike out "11 o'clock," in the 5th section, and insert "10 o'clock," which was concurred in. The bill was then passed and sent to the Second Branch.

On motion of Mr. Jones the alms-house bill was made the order of the day to-morrow.

The order, instructing the committee on Fire Companies to report an ordinance, was read a second time and concurred in.

The resolution for selling the city property on Holliday street, was read a second time. Mr. Munroe moved the following amendment, at the end of the resolution, which was concurred in.

And when sold, the said Mayor and the two Presidents are hereby authorised to obtain, by purchase or rent, such lot and buildings as they may deem requisite and proper, for the purpose of accommodating the present watch and engine establishments now on the premises.

The resolution as amended was concurred in by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. President, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Roney, Munroe, Russell, Baxley, Amos, Dushane, Blair—12.

Nays—Messrs. Browning, Louderman, Hanson, Sanders, Jenkins, Gardner, Ridgely, Jones—8.

Mr. Amos moved to adjourn:

Ayes—Messrs. President, Louderman, Hubbard, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Roney, Munroe, Russell, Jones, Baxley, Amos, Dushane—13.

Nays—Messrs. Browning, J. E. Stansbury, Hanson, Jenkins, Gardner, Ridgely, Blair—7.

Determined in the affirmative.

The branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

THOS. PHENIX, *Clk.*

Friday, March 23, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John I. Donaldson, Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs. Myers, Morris, and Young.

On motion of Mr. Jones, the branch reconsidered the bill for regulating markets, and on motion of Mr. Hubbard it was laid on the table.

The following communication was received from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
March 23d, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council—

I have approved and signed "An ordinance authorising the erection of a bridge over Jones' Falls;" also "An ordinance making appropriations for the year eighteen hundred and thirty-two"; and a "resolution authorising the payment of a sum of money for keeping in repair the apparatus belonging to certain Fire companies."

Respectfully, yours, &c.

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

Mr. Jenkins from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The committee to whom was referred the Mayor's communication of the 21st inst. relative to the land warrant obtained by the Mayor and City Council, for certain property on Dugan's and M'Elderry's wharves, respectfully report the following resolution.

LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS,
WM. HUBBARD, } *Committee.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Solicitor, with the approbation of the Mayor, be, and he is hereby authorized, to take such further steps in relation to the land warrant obtained by the Mayor and City Council on the 17th June, of 1831, (by ordering the survey and making the necessary payment into the Land office) as to him may appear expedient and proper; and that the Register pay to the order of the Mayor therefor, any sum not exceeding two hundred dollars.

Mr. Donaldson presented the petition of Wm. Wilson and others, committee of the vestry of St. Paul's parish, with an act of assembly

relative to Liberty street; which was read and referred to the committee on Streets.

The resolution relative to Calvert street spring was read a second time, concurred in and returned to the Second Branch.

The resolution authorising the Register to pay certain money, was read a second time. Mr. Alricks offered the following:

Resolved, That the petition of John Hillen, Jos. Townsend and Geo. Decker, presented at the present session, be referred to the consideration of the Visitors and Governors of the Jail.

Determined in the negative by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. President, Browning, Louderman, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Roney, Gardner, Russell—9.

Nays—Messrs. J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Hanson, Moale, Munroe, Jenkins, Jones, Baxley, Amos, Dushane, Blair—11.

The question was then taken on the final passage of the resolution, and concurred in by the following vote.

Ysas—Messrs. J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Hanson, Moale, Munroe, Jenkins, Ridgely, Russell, Jones, Baxley, Amos, Dushane, Blair —13.

Nays—Messrs. President, Browning, Louderman, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Roney, Gardner—8.

A message was received from the Second Branch proposing when the City Council adjourn this evening it adjourn to Monday next; which was dissented from.

The Second Branch returned the bill entitled An ordinance to regulate nine and ten pin alleys, endorsed "will pass"; and

The resolution for repaving part of Lancaster street;

The resolution for repaving part of Wilk street; and

The resolution for repaving part of Market street, F. P., severally endorsed concurred in.

A message was received from the Second Branch proposing to refer the first section of an accompanying act of assembly to the joint committee on Rail Roads, and the second section to the joint committee on Health, which was concurred in, and the Second Branch informed by message.

Mr. Amos from the committee, delivered the following, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Health, to whom was referred the memorial of William Armor and others relative to the extension of Bowers' sewer, from its present termination at Constitution street down Falls street to Jones' Falls, have had the same under consideration, and re-

port,—That inasmuch as Bowers' run ought, in the opinion of the committee, to be turned on the surface of either Monument street or Harford avenue by opening, grading, and paving the streets necessary for that purpose, which no doubt will be done at a period not far distant, and thereby supersede the necessity for any farther continuance of said sewer; they deem it inexpedient to grant the prayer of the memorialists at present, and therefore respectfully submit the accompanying resolution.

Baltimore, March 23d, 1832.

CORBIN AMOS,
NOAH RIDGELY,
HENRY R. LOUDERMAN, } *First Branch.*

WILLIAM REANEY,
M. GRAFTON, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved, That the joint Committee on Health be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of William Armor and others relative to Bowers' sewer.

Mr. Hubbard from the committee, delivered the following report and a bill, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The committee on the Harbonr, take leave to report the accompanying bill.

March 23d, 1832.

WM. HUBBARD,
WM. H. HANSON,
LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS, } *First Branch.*

WM. INLOES,
JAMES BEATTY, } *Second Branch.*

Mr. Hanson from the committee, presented the following, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William Patterson, Esq. relative to a claim against this corporation for the ground occupied by the abutment of the draw bridge,—Report:

That after a full and laborious examination of the claim as set forth in the prayer of the petitioner; and after reference to the original record of the City Commissioners, for the year 1810, it fully appears, that investigation under oath being had, arising out of an appeal from an establishment of the aforesaid Commissioners by a certain Thomas Barnett, attorney in fact for Thomas Tenant, and John Lee, to the then Mayor of the city, the late Edward Johnson, a warrant, dated 22d March, was issued to five gentlemen, viz: Messrs. James Ellicott, Robert Walsh, David Williamson, Thos. Cole, and Thos. McElderry, who, after being duly sworn, proceeded to the duties of their appointment, to review the act, or establishment, of the said City Commission-

ers; and after two several meetings did substantially confirm the establishment of the aforesaid Commissioners, locating and fixing a stone as the beginning of lot No. 38, being the lot for which Mr. Patterson now claims remuneration; which lot as per recent survey does not reach the abutment of the bridge by 13 feet, and therefore he is not entitled to his claim, the abutment being on lot No. 37.

And your committee would further state, that the title papers of the party now claiming, do not, in their opinion, extend beyond the lines of lot No. 38. And we would also give reference to an ordinance passed and approved the 8th March, 1816, entitled A further supplement to an ordinance for the improvement of the Harbour of Baltimore, which goes to show the property now claimed by the petitioner, to have belonged to Thomas Tenant and John Lee, from Point street westwardly along Queen street, to the abutment of the bridge, for which an equivalent was given—your committee therefore, in accordance with this view, respectfully offer the subjoined resolution.

March 23d, 1832.

WM. H. HANSON,
SAMUEL MOALE,
ISAAC MUNROE,
} *Committee of the First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
THOMAS SEWELL,
} *Committee of the Second Branch.*

Resolved, that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of this subject, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Mr. Donaldson gave notice he should call up the Assessment Bill on Monday.

The bill authorising the sale of the old Alms House property was read a second time.

Mr. Jenkins moved to strike out the 3d paragraph of the preamble, which was concurred in.

Mr. Jones moved to add after the word "described" in the 5th line, 1st section, the following:

"Except so much as has heretofore been granted by this corporation to the Susquehanna Rail Road Co. for their depot."

On motion of Mr. Jones, the bill was then laid on the table.

Mr. Hubbard from the Committee, delivered the following, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The Committee on the harbour to whom was referred that part of the Mayor's annual communication relative to a bridge over Jones' Falls, either at Lancaster or Alisanna streets, Report,—That they have had the subject under consideration, and are of opinion that the facilities this bridge would give to that part of the city property would enhance the value thereof greatly beyond the cost of the said bridge

they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:— which is respectfully submitted.

March 23d, 1832.

WM. HUBBARD,
WM. H. HANSON,
LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS, } *Committee of the First Branch.*

WM. INLOES, *Committee of the Second Branch.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby authorised and directed to have erected across Jones' Falls at Aliceanna street, a good and substantial pivot bridge, to be constructed so as to prevent the least possible obstruction to the free passage of any and every thing that might cause an overflow of said falls in times of heavy freshets, or the breaking up of the ice; and they are hereby authorised, with the approbation of the Mayor, to draw on the Register for any sum not exceeding three thousand dollars.

The resolution on the petition of Jas. Fields, was read a second time and concurred in.

The branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

THOS. PHENIX, *Clk.*

Saturday, March 24, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John I. Donaldson, Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs. Louderman, Browning, Myers and Young.

The resolution on the petition of William Patterson was read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same endorsed concurred in.

Mr. Blair presented the petition of J. E. Clemm and others, which was read and sent to the Second Branch with a message proposing to refer it to a joint committee, and appointing for this branch Messrs. Blair, Dushane and Amos. The Second Branch appointed Messrs. Stouffer and Reaney, and informed this branch by message.

The resolution relating to certain land warrants was read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same endorsed "concurred in."

Mr. Morris offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorised to borrow in anticipation of the revenue of this year, such sum as may be necessary for the current expenses of the corporation, not exceeding twenty thousand dollars.

The bill entitled A supplement to an ordinance relative to Flying Horses, was read a second time, passed and sent to the Second Branch —the Second Branch returned the bill, endorsed "will pass."

The Second Branch returned the resolution authorising the Register to pay certain money, and the resolution on the petition of James Fields and others, severally endorsed "concurred in."

The Branch called up the bill for the sale of the old Alms House property.

Mr. Jenkins moved to substitute the following for Mr. Jones' amendment, offered on yesterday, which was concurred in.

"Except the acre hereinafter alluded to, as a depot for the Baltimore and Susquehannah Rail Road Company."

Mr. Moale moved to add after the word "sell" in the 6th line, "at public sale on a credit of six, twelve and eighteen months," and to strike out the words "to the best advantage;" which was dissented from.

Mr. Jenkins moved the following as the 2d section.

And be it enacted and ordained, That before the Commissioners of Public Schools shall proceed to sell the said property, or any part thereof, they shall first lay off and designate one acre, by certain known and visible boundaries, on or near the same, to be used as a depot for the Baltimore and Susquehannah Rail Road Co., in accordance with the provisions of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to permit the Baltimore and Susquehannah Rail Road Company to extend branches of said road within the city of Baltimore," and cause to be executed a complete and particular map or plat of the whole of the said property, exhibiting the manner in which it shall have been laid off in lots, and sign the said map or plat with the whole or a majority of their names, and deposit it in the office of the City Register. Provided, that if the said Rail Road company do not complete the branch rail-way leading to the said property, before the 15th day of July next, and erect and finish the said depot before the first day of June, 1838, then the said Commissioners may sell the said acre, first dividing into lots, so as to make it produce the greatest amount of money.

And be it enacted and ordained, That a board of Assessors shall be appointed in the following manner, and for the following purposes, to wit: two by a convention of the two branches of the City Council, and two by the School Commissioners, all of whom shall be residents of the Eleventh or Twelfth Wards, north of Baltimore street, who shall meet upon and examine the said property after the sale thereof, or of any portion of it, and after careful investigation and inquiry of the purchasers and others, report in writing to the Mayor for the information of the Councils at their next annual session thereafter, whether, according to their best judgment, the said property has increased in value in consequence of the actual or contemplated location of a depot thereupon—and also what amount of money the whole four acres would have produced, if there had been no depot, nor no intention to locate one upon or near the said property.

And be it enacted and ordained, That if either or both of the said assessors to be appointed by the Councils should die, resign, or refuse to act, the Mayor may appoint another or others in his or their stead; and if either or both of those appointed by school Commissioners should die, resign, or refuse to act, the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, may appoint another or others in his or their stead: and a decision of a majority of the said assessors shall be deemed and considered a decision of the whole; but if the said assessors should be equally divided and unable to agree, they may call a fifth person, being a resident as aforesaid; and the said assessors shall be compensated for their services at the rate of one dollar *per diem* for each, for every day

they may be actually engaged about the said business, to be paid by the school Commissioners.

On motion of Mr. Morris the bill was then laid on the table.

The resolution discharging the committee on Health on the petition of William Armor and others, was read a second time. Mr. Sanders moved to strike out all after the word "resolved," and to insert the following:

By the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorised and directed to extend Bowers' sewer from its present termination at Constitution street down Falls street to Jones' Falls; and they are hereby authorised to draw on the Register, with the approbation of the Mayor, for any sum not exceeding twelve hundred and fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to defray the expenses of the same.

On motion of Mr. Sanders, the resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Alricks from the committee, delivered the following reports and resolutions, which were read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Streets, in obedience to the resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to remove the obstructions in Lexington street west, respectfully Report,—That this street was duly and properly opened under the 16th sec. of the act of 1817, entitled "An act relating to the city of Baltimore," but one of the proprietors of property taken for the opening of the street, and who joined in the application to have it opened, has, since the Commissioners made their return, objected to the street's being open, alledging that he was entitled to damage, and they had not allowed him any; the obstruction complained of, is a fence erected by this individual across this street, and the question for the Council to decide is, whether the street shall be opened, or whether an individual shall be permitted to shut it up; many other streets have been opened under the above mentioned act, and as the obstructions have been placed there since the return of the Commissioners, your committee think it ought to be opened, and accordingly recommend a small appropriation to this object.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN, } *Second Branch*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorised and directed, forthwith to remove the obstructions on Lexington street west, as far as the same has been opened under the sixteenth section act of 1817, and they are hereby authorised to draw on the Register of the City,

with the approbation of the Mayor, for any sum not exceeding fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expense of the same.

The joint committee on Streets to whom was referred the petition of Henry Thompson and others relative to the overflow of water in a part of Water street, respectfully Report,—That the bad condition of this street requires that some alterations should be made therein. At present the footway on Water street at Exchange alley is frequently impassable in consequence of the water from the gutters rising above the curb stones and overflowing the footway. To remedy this evil, it will be necessary to take up the stone pavement on a part of Exchange alley, and change the grade thereof; but as this alley is private property, this could not be done without the owners thereof should first cede their right to the corporation. With this view, and in order to afford full relief to the petitioners, your committee herewith present the accompanying resolution.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorised and directed, to take up the stone pavement on Exchange alley from Second street to Water street, and having fixed the grade in such a manner as the public interest and convenience may require, to repave the same on eac hside thereof with flag-stones : Provided, the proprietors of this alley first cede to the corporation by an instrument of writing to be approved of by the counsel for the city, and filed with the Register, all right they may have therein : and provided also, the change in the grade thereof is first assented to by the proprietors of property fronting on each side of this part of this alley, in an instrument of writing to be approved and filed as aforesaid; and they are hereby farther authorised and directed to make such alterations in the gutters on Water street at Exchange alley, as will prevent the overflow of water on said street: Provided the proprietors of property fronting on this street, consent to alter and repave their footways so as to conform with the alteration to be made in the gutters, and they are hereby authorised to draw on the Register, with the approbation of the Mayor, for any sum or so much thereof as may be necessary, to defray the expense of the same.

Mr. Ridgely presented an act of assembly relating to the opening of Bottle alley, which was read and referred to the committee on Streets.

The bill entitled A supplement to an ordinance to preserve the navigation of the Harbour, was read a second time, passed and sent to the Second Branch.

Mr. Hubbard from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

The Committee on the Harbour to whom was referred the petition of P. R. I. Friese, for permission to extend his wharf on the south side of the harbour of Baltimore, have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that it would be unwise and impolitic in the Council to grant any extension beyond the present Port Wardens' line, as now laid down, and under this view of the case the Committee report a resolution that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

WM. HUBBARD,
WM. H. HANSON,
LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS, } *Committee First Branch.*

JAMES BEATTY, *Committee Second Branch.*

Resolved, That P. R. I. Friese have leave to withdraw his petition, and the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Blair presented An ordinance relating to public pumps and wells; which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The resolution on the memorial of the Baltimore and Susquehannah rail road Co. was read a second time. Mr. Alricks moved to lay it on the table, which did not prevail. The question was taken on the resolution, and it was concurred in.

Mr. Sanders offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on streets be requested to enquire into the necessity and expediency of having Falls street, at Jones' Falls, repaired, so as to prevent said street from washing in Jones' Falls.

Mr. Ridgely, from the committee, delivered the following, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The Joint Committee on Lighting the City, to whom was referred the order instructing them to make certain enquiry relative to Gas Light, take leave to report, That they have made the enquiry, and submit a letter from the Gas Light Company of Baltimore, which they ask may be received and read as part of their report. Respectfully submitted.

Baltimore, March 24th, 1832.

NOAH RIDGELY,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *Committee of the First Branch.*

RICHARD BEVAN,
THOMAS SEWELL, } *Committee of the Second Branch.*

Office of the Gas Light Company of Baltimore.

MARCH 23, 1832.

Noah Ridgely, Esq.,

Chairman of the Committee on lighting the City—

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22d inst. addressed to the President and Directors of the Gas Company, communicating an order which has passed the First Branch of the City Council, instructing the Committee on Lamps "to enquire and report the reasons why the Gas Lamps of the City do not give the steady, equal and constant light contemplated by the Councils when they authorised their erection, and whether any and what deductions has ben made in the charge against the city for those Lamps."

In reply, I beg leave to state, that this Company is not aware that the Gas Lamps have in general "failed to give the steady, equal and constant light contemplated by the Councils," and the applications which are from time to time made for Gas, in lieu of Oil Lamps, go to show that such is not the general impression. It is true that the supply of Gas was in some cases interrupted by obstructions in the pipes occasioned by the severe frosts of last winter,—but whenever the Captains of the Watch reported the existence of such cases the obstructions were removed on the day when such report was made, except in two or three instances where, owing to peculiar circumstances, it was found impossible to have the obstructions removed so promptly.

No "Deductions have been made in the charge against the City for the use of those Lamps," nor has the City been charged for the lights which have been furnished for the public convenience at the Watch House and elsewhere.

This Company regret that in a small section the Gas Lamps have not given so brilliant a light as they do in the residue of the city.—The alterations which the Company are now making in the arrangement of their works, will, it is believed, enable them in a short time to furnish the section alluded to with lights fully equal to any other in the city; and they hope that the great expense which the Company have encountered in order to accomplish this object, will be received by the Councils as evidence of their determination to make every effort to give general satisfaction.

I am, very respectfully, yours,

JAMES MOWTON,

Sec't'y G. L. C. of B.

The resolution discharging the committee on streets from further considering the resolution relative to repaving Frederick street, was read a second time and concurred in.

The following enrolled bills were this day handed to the Mayor for approval:

A resolution authorising the City Commissioners to alter the grade of Courtland street;

A resolution authorising the repairing part of Lancaster street;

A resolution authorising the cutting down and levelling Market street, Fell's Point;

A resolution authorising the repaving part of Market space, F. P.;

A resolution relating to an extraordinary rise of Water in Jones' Falls;

A resolution authorising the repaving Block street;

A resolution authorising the filling up Park lane, between Cove and Pine streets;

A resolution authorising the repaving part of Wilk street;

A resolution relating to the memorial of P. Doyle and others;

A resolution for repaving part of Charles street;

A resolution authorising the City Commissioners to change the situation of a sewer;

A resolution relative to repairing of a wooden building on Light street, standing over Uhler's sewer;

An ordinance entitled An ordinance to regulate nine and ten pin alleys.

The branch then adjourned until Monday afternoon.

By order,

THOS. PHENIX, *Clk.*

Monday, March 26, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John I. Donaldson, Esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Young.

Mr. Ridgely presented the memorial of Josiah Hubble and others, adverse to the act of assembly for the opening of Bottle alley, which was read and referred to the committee on Streets.

Mr. Dushane presented the petition of S. Etting and others relative to the occlusion of Emory street, which was read and referred to the committee on that subject.

The following communication was received from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
March 26th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council—

I have approved and signed "An ordinance entitled a supplement to an ordinance to regulate nine and ten pin alleys, and other similar devices for public amusement"—"a resolution authorising the cutting down, and levelling Market street, Fell's Point"—"a resolution authorising the repaving part of Lancaster street"—"a resolution authorising the City Commissioners to alter the grade of Courtland street"—"a resolution relative to the repairing of a wooden building on Light street, standing over Uhler's sewer"—"a resolution authorising the repaving part of Wilke's street"—"a resolution relating to an extraordinary rise of water in Jones' Falls"—"a resolution for repaving part of Charles street"—"a "resolution relating to the memorial of P. Doyle and others, and the petition of J. Hickman and others"—a "resolution authorising the filling up Park lane, between Cove and Pine streets"—a "resolution authorising the City Commissioners to change the situation of a sewer"—a "resolution authorising the repaving part of Market space, Fell's Point"—and a "resolution authorising the repaving of Block street."

Respectfully, yours, &c.

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

A communication from John Hulbert proposing to rent or lease the Potters Field, was received from the Mayor, and read and referred to the committee on the subject of the Holliday street property.

A communication from Alex. Fridge on behalf of the Female Orphan Asylum, was received from the Mayor, and read and referred to the Second Branch.

Mr. Dushane from the committee, delivered the following report, and a bill, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee to whom was referred the memorial of Solomon Etting and others, in relation to the closing of a part of Emory street, and the act of assembly for that purpose, take leave to report by ordinance, which is herewith respectfully submitted.

VALENTINE DUSHANE,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch*

HENRY STOUFFER,
JOSHUA MOTT,
RICHARD BEVAN, } *Second Branch*

Mr. Hubbard from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The committee on the Harbour to whom was referred that part of the Mayor's annual communication relative to filling up the lower part of the City Dock westerly to the west side of Harford run, and also the tunneling of Harford run, have had the same under consideration, and although they agree fully in the propriety of the Mayor's recommendation, that the improvement ought to be done, yet at the present time, when a large amount of money must of necessity be expended for the preservation of the navigation of the harbour, they therefore recommend the postponement of the subject to the next annual session of the City Council.

WM. HUBBARD,
WM. H. HANSON,
LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS, } *First Branch.*

WM. INLOES, *Second Branch.*

Resolved, That the committee on the Harbour be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Dushane presented the petition of Wm. Hollins for permission to erect a bridge at the intersection of Chatsworth and Mulberry streets, on Chatsworth run, which was read and referred to the committee on Bridges.

Mr. Jones from the committee, delivered the following report, and a bill, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Markets to whom was referred the act of assembly passed at the late session of the legislature, entitled "An act to condemn and make public a certain piece or lot of ground therein mentioned,"

Report—That at the session of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1817, an act was passed entitled "An act relating to the city of Baltimore," providing for the appointment of Commissioners to lay off such streets, lanes and alleys as they shall deem proper and convenient—that among the powers vested in the said commissioners, they were authorised to contract for and lay out such and so many parcels of ground within the city of Baltimore, as they might judge convenient and necessary to be used for public purposes. By virtue of the powers granted them in pursuance of said act of assembly, they proceeded to survey and lay out a lot of ground at the intersection of Howard, Richmond, Garden and Biddle streets, for a market house, which lot of ground is laid off on the plat of the city in the Commissioners' office, but has never been condemned and made public, and the owners being subject to great inconvenience and loss in consequence of the situation of it, the act of assembly providing that any improvements erected upon any of the ground laid off by the Commissioners, shall not be entitled to any damages in case they shall thereafter be used for public purposes. The proprietors state, that in consequence of this state of their property, they are unable to dispose of it, and they are also prevented improving it. Your committee believing that the situation of the property is oppressive upon the proprietors, and the owners of the property in the vicinity having procured the passage of the law referred to our consideration, by which they are to be assessed to its value in the same manner as for the opening of streets, thereby rendering the lot public, so that the Mayor and City Council may, when they should think proper, erect a market house thereon, without being subject to the expense of the lot, and the law being subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council, for the reasons which we have here stated, we would recommend that the act of assembly be approved, and for that purpose submit the accompanying ordinance.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
VALENTINE DUSHANE,
HENRY MYERS,
} *Committee First Branch.*

WILLIAM REANEY,
JOSHUA MOTT,
} *Committee Second Branch.*

The bill entitled An ordinance to provide for the valuation and assessment of property in the city of Baltimore, was read a second time, Mr. Morris in the chair.

Mr. Jenkins moved to add at the end of the 14th sect. the following: "or Commissioners under the provisions of this ordinance;" which was concurred in.

Mr. Dushane moved to add after the word corporation, in the 5th line, 14th section, "or the deputy of any such officer," which was concurred in.

Mr. Alricks moved to lay the bill on the table, which was dissented from.

The question was then taken on the final passage of the bill, and determined in the affirmative by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. President, Browning, Louderman, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Hanson, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Myers, Roney, Donaldson, Munroe, Jenkins, Gardner, Ridgely, Russell, Jones, Baxley, Amos, Dushane, Blair—21.

Nays—Messrs. Alricks, Moale—2.

Mr. Hubbard offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the committee on streets be instructed to enquire into the expedieney of authorising the City Commissioners, whenever applied to by the property holders for that purpose, to McAdamize any of the streets in the city of Baltimore, instead of paving.

Mr. Blair from the committee, delivered the following, which were read a first time and laid on the table.

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of John D. Miller, assistant clerk of the Lexington market, ask leave to report, that they have examined the duties discharged by the petitioner, and in addition to the duties heretofore discharged, the ordinance recently passed relating to markets, will much increase the duties of the petitioner. Your committee therefore submit the following resolution.

JAMES BLAIR,
VALENTINE DUSHANE,
ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr. } *Committee.*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That John D. Miller, assistant market master at the Lexington market, receive in addition to his present salary, one hundred dollars, to be paid out of any unappropriated moneys in the treasury.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Mullen, respectfully report, that they have had the same under consideration, and think the prayer of the petitioner reasonable and ought to be granted, therefore offer the following resolution.

JAMES BLAIR,
VALENTINE DUSHANE,
ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr. } *Committee.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That Thomas Mullen receive in addition to his present salary, fifty dollars, to be paid out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

Mr. Alricks from the committee, delivered the following, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Streets, to whom was referred the resolution relative to repaving Caroline street, from Wilk to Fleet street, respectfully report, that they deem it inexpedient to repave this street at the present time, and therefore submit the subjoined resolution.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved by both Branches of the City Council, That the joint committee on streets, be, and they are hereby discharged from the further consideration of the resolution relative to repaving Caroline street from Wilk to Fleet street, and that the same be referred to the consideration of the City Commissioners.

The bill entitled An ordinance for the erection of Gas lamps was read a second time.

Mr. Jenkins moved to add at the end of the bill "provided the same deduction be made to the city for each city light in Pratt street, as has been made to individuals for a single light on said street, within the past year," which was concurred in.

The bill as amended was passed and sent to the Second Branch.

The resolution on the memorial of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Co.;

The resolution authorising the Mayor to borrow certain money;

The resolution on the petition of P. R. I. Friese;

And the resolution relative to repaving Frederick street, were returned from the Second Branch, severally endorsed concurred in.

The enrolled ordinance relative to Flying Horses;

The resolution relating to a certain land warrant;

The resolution in favor of Jos. Townsend, John Hillen and George Decker, were this day handed to the Mayor for approval.

Mr. Morris moved to refer the bill for the sale of the old Alms House property to a select committee.

Mr. Jones moved to lay the subject on the table, which was dissented from.

The question recurred on the reference, when Mr. Jenkins moved to add: "that they report on Wednesday next," which was concurred in. The motion for reference was carried, and the chair appointed Messrs. Jenkins, Moale and Hubbard.

Mr. Hanson offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the Committee on Streets be requested to enquire into the expediency of gravelling from the west termination of the paved part of Orleans street to the pavement of the Bel-Air market.

Mr. Hubbard from the committee, delivered the following report, and a bill, which was read a first time, and laid on the table.

The Committee on Rail Roads, to whom was referred the memorial of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, respectfully report the subjoined Ordinance—

WM. HUBBARD,
WM. GWYNN JONES,
LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
JAMES BEATTY, } *Second Branch.*

Mr. Browning offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register be, and he is hereby authorised to pay to the City Commissioners the sum of one hundred dollars, or so much thereof as will be necessary to complete the gravelling of Market street, Fell's Point, to east Baltimore street.

Mr. Hubbard offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time.

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council, That the Bills and Resolutions which have been passed and concurred in, shall be engrossed by the Assistant Clerk; that the per diem of the Chief Clerk shall be six dollars, and the Assistant Clerk four dollars, and that the resolution fixing the compensation of the Clerks on the 28th day of November 1831, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Mr. Alricks moved to strike out from the word Council, in the first line, to the word Clerk, in the 3d line, which was concurred in.

The question was taken on the resolution and concurred in by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. President, Browning, Louderman, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Hanson, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Myers, Morris, Moale, Munroe, Ridgely, Amos, Blair—15.

Nays—Messrs. Sanders, Roney, Jenkins, Gardner, Jones, Baxley, Dushane—7.

The resolution for walling Harford run from Pitt to Holland street, was read a second time. Mr. Jones moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was dissented from. The resolution was then concurred in.

Mr. Moale moved to adjourn:

Yeas—Messrs. President, Hubbard, E. Stansbury, Myers, Moale, Morris, Munroe, Gardner, Amos—9.

Nays—Messrs. Browning, Louderman, J. E. Stansbury, Hanson, Alricks, Sanders, Roney, Jenkins, Ridgely, Jones, Baxley, Dushane, Blair—13.

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Alricks from the committee, delivered the following, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The Joint Committee on Streets to whom was referred the petition of George Baily and others, relative to a part of Chatsworth Run, north of Lexington street,

Report, That at this point this stream has been thrown into Pine street, and passes along the west side thereof until it reaches the Tunnel on Lexington street.—The proprietors of Property on Pine street, from Lexington to Saratoga street, being about to pave all this partof the aforesaid street, ask that the stream may be tunneled from fifteen feet alley to Lexington street. At present the situation of this Run at this place is dangerous to the lives of the citizens in that neighborhood, and without the run is tunnelled there could be no inducement to pave the street; your committee therefore, recommend that it be tunnelled, as prayed for in the petition, and report accordingly—

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorized and directed, to extend the tunnel over Chatsworth Run at Lexington street, north along Pine street, until it reaches the private alley called Fifteen Feet Alley; and they are hereby authorised to draw on the Register, with the approbation of the Mayor, for any snm not exceeding
, or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expense of the same.

The branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

THOS. PHENIX, *Clk.*

Tuesday, March 27, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John I. Donaldson, Esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Young.

The following communication was received from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
March 27th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council—

I have had the bill entitled A supplement to an ordinance entitled "An ordinance relative to Flying Horses, &c." under consideration, and upon mature reflection, I return it to you, as I cannot approve of it, in its present shape.

If the statements made in April last, to the Council and to myself, by many of our fellow-citizens, be correct, (of which I have no reason to doubt) those that were then in operation, were a source of considerable annoyance to their respective neighborhoods, and injurious to the morals of the community. That they collected together young and old, and many of the most dissolute characters that inhabit our city—the young were contaminated by the language and manners of those more advanced in life, in pursuit of an amusement said to be fascinating to the young, particularly boys. Those considerations I presume were the cause of the passage of the ordinance prohibiting them altogether, which was approved 22d April, 1831. By the bill now under consideration, their re-establishment is authorised under certain restrictions. The provisions of the bill are exceedingly onerous, and calculated to create displeasure, and ill-will towards the neighbours, if they are disposed to resist the importunities of the applicant for permission to erect an establishment of Flying Horses, &c. in their immediate neighborhood. If, however, permission were obtained, then *one hundred dollars* is required for the license, and yet the Mayor is to have the power of annulling said license whenever he pleases. Would not this be injustice? After a man had incurred the expense of an establishment of the kind, and paid his license, when improprieties should occur, as they have done heretofore, and no doubt will again, and the neighbors and citizens generally make formal complaints, that then the license should be revoked. This I conceive a greater abridgment of the rights and privileges of those who may think proper to erect such establishments, than to prohibit them altogether, as is the case at pre-

sent here, and in New York, and as I am informed, in the large cities of the United States generally.

I therefore return you the bill, and remain,

Very respectfully, yours, &c.

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

A communication from John Diffenderffer, esq. director on the part of the city in the Baltimore and Susquehanna rail road Company, was received, read and referred to Messrs. Jenkins, Moale and Hubbard.

Mr. Hanson from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

The joint committee on Claims to whom was referred the communication of Francis I. Dallam of the 22d March, Report—

That after consultation with the Commissioners of Public Schools, your committee are assured, by the Commissioners, that they are ready and willing, whenever the claim for the paving as expressed in the communication of Mr. Dallam, is presented, the same will be paid.

Therefore offer the subjoined resolution.

27th March, 1832.

WM. H. HANSON,
SAML. MOALE,
ISAAC MUNROE, } *Committee First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER, *Com. Sec. Branch.*

Resolved, That the committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of this subject, and the same be referred to the Public School Commissioners.

Mr. Jones moved to reconsider the communication from John Diffenderffer, with a view of ordering it to be entered on the journal; which was concurred in. It was then ordered to be entered on the Journal.

To the First Branch of the City Council of Baltimore:

Gentlemen—

I have received a copy of the resolution passed by the First Branch City Council, on the 22d inst. requiring the "Director of the Baltimore and Susquehanna rail road Company on the part of the city, to inform them whether the company has adopted any measures to suspend, or abandon, the intention of extending their road to the City Block, and Alms House property, and if any such measures have been adopted, and the reasons for causing such adoption."

In answer thereto, I have the honor to state, that the company have not adopted, any measure to suspend, or abandon, their intention of extending the rail road to the City Block, and the Alms House; on the contrary, the Board of Directors have never lost sight for a moment of these important branches, and they will be constructed as soon as prac-

ticable, consistently with the interests of the company, and when called for by the public convenience. The leading features and the policy of this company has been to push their works as far as practicable into the country, in order to insure a full participation in the trade which now reaches the city through the ordinary channels of communication.

The extension and completion of the branches within the city, must necessarily be postponed, to the accomplishment of an object of such primary importance—whilst there can be no doubt, but that these constructions will be accomplished, in full time to enable the population of the eastern, and western, parts of the city to participate in the full and equal benefits of the rail road.

Respectfully, your's,

JOHN DIFFENDERFFER,

City Director of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road.

Baltimore, March 27th, 1832.

Mr. Alricks from the committee, delivered the following, which were read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Streets, to whom was referred the petition of William Drake, relative to the situation of Williams street between Cross and Montgomery streets, report—that they have examined this street, and in order to make it passable it will be necessary to make a small appropriation to cut down and level this part of this street, they therefore submit the accompanying resolution.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby authorised and directed to cut down and level William street, from Cross to Montgomery street, in such manner as the public interest and convenience may require, and they are hereby authorised to draw on the Register, with the approbation of the Mayor, for any sum not exceeding fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expense of the same, to be taken out of the appropriation for the repair of unpaved streets.

The joint committee on Streets to whom was referred the petition of Austin Woolfolk relative to tunnelling a part of Chatsworth run, on Penn street from Pratt to Haw streets, respectfully report—that they have examined the situation of this run at this place, and are of opinion that it may be necessary hereafter to tunnel it. At the present time, neither the improvements in the neighbourhood nor the small benefit

the public would derive from the proposed tunnel, could justify the large expenditure it would require; and your committee therefore report accordingly.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved by both Branches of the City Council, That the joint committee on Streets be and they are hereby discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Austin Woolfolk, relative to tunnelling a part of Chatsworth run, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The joint committee on Streets, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Hillen and others, relative to Britain street; and also the resolution relative to the same street, respectfully report—that their attention having been called to Ensor street, immediately adjoining Britain street, by the resolution above mentioned; upon examining these two streets they found them both in an extremely bad condition; but deeming it inexpedient to repave them both in one year, they have selected Ensor street, which is almost entirely impassable from Harford avenue, the line of direct taxation, to about two hundred yards eastward; the stones being displaced in many parts of this street; has occasioned ruts and hollows to such an extent as to render it dangerous to those who are compelled to pass that way, in vehicles of whatever description. Your committee therefore report the subjoined resolution.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
JOSHUA MOTT,
RICHARD BEVAN, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby authorised and directed to take up the stone pavement on Ensor street, from Harford avenue, the line of direct taxation, to a point two hundred yards southwestwardly on this street, and to repave the same; and they are hereby authorised to draw on the Register for any sum not exceeding
or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expense of the same.

The joint committee on Streets, to whom was referred the resolutions relative to repaving a part of Lerew's alley convex with curbstones, respectfully report—that the bad condition of this alley arises

from the manner in which it was originally paved, being concave instead of convex, and the consequence has been a constant overflow of water, particularly in time of rain, and which has done great injury to private property—the part asked to be repaved is that situated between Franklin and Saratoga streets—from representations made to your committee we are induced to believe much inconvenience is suffered by the proprietors of property binding on this alley, and much injury done their property, we therefore report the accompanying resolution.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
JOSHUA MOTT,
RICHARD BEVAN, } *Second Branch*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby authorised and directed to take up the stone pavement on Lerew's alley, from Franklin street to Saratoga street, and to repave the same convex with curb stones—and they are hereby authorised to draw on the Register for any sum not exceeding or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expense of the same.

Mr. Munroe from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

The joint committee on Armories to whom was referred the petition of John Halbert, for leasing the city's property called old Potters' Field, in the rear of the hospital, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions

ISAAC MUNROE,
JOHN E. STANSBURY,
HENRY MYERS, } *Committee First Branch.*

SAMUEL MOORE, *Committee Second Branch.*

March 27th, 1832.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Mayor be, and he hereby is authorised to rent the city's property in the rear of the Hospital, called old Potters' Field, for one year, upon such terms as he may deem for the interest of the city.

Resolved, further, That the City Commissioners cause a plat of the above property to be made out, and have the same deposited in the office of the Register.

Mr. Hubbard from the committee, delivered the following report, and a bill, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The committee on the Harbour take leave to report the accompanying bill, which is respectfully submitted.

March 27th, 1832.

WM. HUBBARD,
WM. H. HANSON,
LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS, } *First Branch.*

JAS. BEATTY, *Second Branch.*

Mr. Dushane from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

The joint committee on Bridges, to whom was referred the petition of William Hollins for permission to erect a wooden bridge across Chatsworth street, at its intersection with Mulberry street, have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable and ought to be granted. They therefore submit the following resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

VALENTINE DUSHANE,
WM. GWYNN JONES,
WM. H. HANSON, } *Committee First Branch.*

JOSHUA MOTT, *Committee Second Branch.*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That William Hollins be, and he is hereby permitted to erect a bridge at the intersection of Chatsworth and Mulberry streets, agreeably to his petition herewith filed, the materials of which, he or his heirs, executors or administrators, shall be permitted to remove whenever a majority of the number of feet of ground on Chatsworth street may be obtained, to pave the same from Pearce to Saratoga streets.

Mr. Jones from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The committee on Markets ask leave to Report—

That they have examined into the situation of the several Markets, and are convinced of the propriety of adopting some measures to have them cleansed, believing that it is important that the markets should be kept in a clean condition.

With this view, and to accomplish this object, we submit the accompanying resolution.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
VALENTINE DUSHANE,
HENRY MYERS, } *Committee First Branch.*

WILLIAM REANEY,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Committee Second Branch.*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby directed to have the market houses at the Lexington market painted and whitewashed completely; also, that they have the lower market house, Fell's Point, painted and whitewashed, and the north end of the upper market house enclosed in a substantial manner; also, that they have the Hanover market house whitewashed, and an additional 150 feet of hose, for the purpose of cleansing the Centre market.

Resolved, That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby authorised to draw upon the Register, with the approbation of the Mayor, for the sum of $450, or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry the preceding resolution into effect, and the Register is hereby authorised and directed to pay the same out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

The two branches met in convention, and after sitting a short time, adjourned.

Mr. Jenkins presented the petition of J. Gould and others, relative to Charles street sewer, which was read and laid on the table.

The bill entitled An ordinance to approve and carry into effect a certain act of assembly therein mentioned, was read a second time, passed and sent to the Second Branch.

Mr. Amos from the committee, delivered the following report, and a bill, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Health to whom was referred an ordinance of the 22d instant, making an additional appropriation for the health department, Report,—That they have carefully examined the accounts from the health office relative to vaccinations and hospital expenses for which the additional appropriation is required, and found them correct, and in each case supported by the necessary vouchers. The committee would take this opportunity to say, in their opinion the Commissioners of Health have discharged their duty with integrity and fidelity, and with all due economy, consistent with their official duties relative to this subject. Your committee on examining the aforesaid accounts find that the sum of seventeen hundred and fifty dollars will be required as an additional appropriation for the health department for the present year, and for which they submit the accompanying bill.

Baltimore, March 27th, 1832.

CORBIN AMOS,
NOAH RIDGELY,
HENRY R. LOUDERMAN, } *First Branch*

WILLIAM REANEY,
M. GRAFTON, } *Second Branch.*

The bill entitled An ordinance for the erection and removal of oil lamps, was read a second time.

Mr. Ridgely moved to add "two in Lee street, one between Sharp and Hanover street, one between Hanover and Charles street"; which was concurred in.

Mr. Jenkins moved to add "one in Mulberry street, opposite the Cathedral"; which was concurred in.

The blll was then passed and sent to the Second Branch.

The bill entitled An ordinance permitting Emory street to remain closed, was read a second time, passed and sent to the Second Branch.

The resolution on the petition of William Armor and others, was read a second time. The question being on the amendment offered by Mr. Sanders, it was dissented from by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. J. E. Stansbury, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Jenkins, Baxley—6.

Nays—Messrs. President, Browning, Louderman, Hanson, Myers, Roney, Moale, Morris, Munroe, Gardner, Ridgely, Russell, Jones, Amos, Dushane, Blair—16.

The resolution was then concurred in and sent to the Second Branch.

Mr. Jones from the committee, delivered the following, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The committee on Fire Companies, to whom was referred the application of several of the fire companies for special appropriations,

Report—That they have examined into the state of the apparatus of these companies, and the grounds upon which they have made the application, and believing that it is the interest of the corporation to aid these institutions in their endeavours to render their apparatus useful and effective, we submit the subjoined resolution.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
HENRY MYERS,
ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr. } *Committee.*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register be and he is hereby authorised and directed, with the approbation of the Mayor, to pay out of any unappropriatod money in the treasury, to the president of the Liberty fire company four hundred dollars, to enable said company to discharge the debts due for the repairs of their apparatus—to the president of the Vigilant fire company three hundred dollars, to enable said company to effect some extensive repairs to their engine—to the president of the United Hose and Suction Engine company two hundred dollars, to enable said company to pay off the debts incurred for the repairs of their apparatus—to the president of the Union fire company three hundred dollars, to enable them to make some additions and repairs to their apparatus—to the president of the Washington Hose company four hundred and fifty

dollars, to enable them to pay for some extensive repairs to their machinery—and to the president of the Howard fire company the sum of five hundred dollars to enable said company to procure an additional quantity of hose, and pay for the repairs and improvements of some of their apparatus.

The bill supplementary to an ordinance relating to the Baltimore and Ohio rail road Co. was read a second time. On motion of Mr. Jenkins the bill was amended by a transposition of words, and then passed and sent to the Second Branch.

The resolution for erecting a bridge across Jones' Falls at Alisanna street, was read a second time. Mr. Hubbard moved to add at the end of the resolution, "to be taken out of the receipts from tonnage," which was concurred in. The question was taken on the final passage of the resolution, and dissented from by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. Browning, Louderman, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Hanson, Alricks, Sanders, Myers, Roney, Jenkins—10.

Nays—Messrs. President, E. Stansbury, Moale, Morris, Gardner, Ridgely, Russell, Jones, Baxley, Amos, Dushane, Blair—12.

The resolution discharging the committee on the Harbour from further considering a certain subject, was read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the second Branch.

The bill for regulating the several markets was called up. Mr. Ridgely moved to lay it on the table, which was concurred in, and on motion of Mr. Jones it was made the order of the day tomorrow.

Mr. Sanders offered a resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the second Branch.

The resolution discharging the committee on streets from further considering a certain subject, was read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the second Branch.

The bill entitled An ordinance relating to public pumps and wells, was read a second time, passed and sent to the second Branch.

The enrolled resolution authorising the Mayor to borrow certain money, was this day handed to the Mayor for approval.

A communication from F. I. Dallam, relating to a claim for paving, was received and read, and referred to the committee on Claims.

The resolution for improving a sewer in south Charles street, was read a second time. Mr. Jenkins moved to strike out the word 'make' in the 5th line, and insert 'enlarge'; and after the word 'sewer,' in the 6th line, to add 'and make them'; which was concurred in.

The resolution was then concurred in and sent to the second Branch.

The resolution discharging the committee on streets from further considering a certain subject, was read a second time and concurred in.

The bill for the erection and removal of oil lamps;
The bill to preserve the navigation of the Harbor; and
The bill for the erection of gas lamps, were returned from the Second Branch, endorsed will pass; and the resolution on the petition of John Halbert, and the resolution on the petition of Wm. Armor and others, endorsed concurred in.

Mr. Jones offered the following, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Resolved by the Mayor and Citty Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorised and directed, with the approbation of the Mayor, to draw upon the Register for the sum of forty six dollars, for the payment of a balance due for the new sewer at the intersection of Hanover street and Uhler's alley.

The resolution relative to gravelling Market street, F. P. was read a second time and concurred in.

The resolution for extending a tunnel over Chatsworth run, was read a second time—On motion of Mr. Alricks the blank was filled with 772 dollars, and the resolution was concurred in.

The branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

THOS. PHENIX, *Clk.*

Wednesday, March 28, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John I. Donaldson, Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs. Moale and Young.

The bill entitled An ordinance to approve and carry into effect a certain act of assembly therein mentioned;

The bill entitled An ordinance relating to public pumps and wells; and

The bill entitled An ordinance permitting Emory street to remain closed—were returned from the Second Branch, endorsed will pass; also

The resolution discharging the committee on the Harbour from further considering a certain subject;

The resolution on the petition of F. I. Dallam; and

The resolution discharging the committee on streets from further considering a certain subject, severally endorsed concurred in.

In the vote yesterday on the resolution relative to the petition of Wm. Armor and others, the name of Mr. Sanders, 'in the affirmative,' was omitted.

Mr. Hubbard from the committee, delivered the following, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The committee on the Harbour to whom was referred that part of the Mayor's annual communication relative to the repairs of the wharf attached to the Fish House property, Report—That they are of opinion that the work ought to be done; they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution, which is respectfully submitted.

March 28th, 1832.

WM. HUBBARD,
WM. H. HANSON,
LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS, } *First Branch.*

JAS. BEATTY, *Second Branch.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Port Wardens be, and they are hereby authorised and directed to have the wharf attached to the fish house property repaired in a good and substantial manner, so as to prevent in future any part thereof

from falling into the harbour; and they are hereby authorised with the approbation of the Mayor, to draw on the Register for any sum not exceeding six hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to complete the same, to be taken out of the appropriation of the harbour.

Mr. Jenkins from the committee, delivered the following report, and a bill, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The committee on Rail Roads, to whom was referred an act of assembly entitled "An act to vest certain powers in the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore," and sundry petitions from different sections of the city, asking for the privilege of constructing branch rail-ways, in several streets of the city, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report the following ordinance.

WM. HUBBARD,
WM. GWYNN JONES,
LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS, } *First Branch*

HENRY STOUFFER,
JAS. BEATTY, } *Second Branch*

A bill entitled An ordinance to permit the closing of part of a certain alley, was received from the Second Branch, read a first, and by special order the second time, passed and returned to the Second Branch.

The bill for regulating the several markets was called up. On motion of Mr. Ridgely the bill was amended by adding in the 4th sect. to the word clerk, the letter "s," and to insert in the 4th line, "principal clerks or their assistants."

Mr. Ridgely moved to strike out all after the word ordained, in the 6th sect. and to insert the following:

"That the first fresh fish stalls in the Centre Market be *rented* at the following rates: Nos. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, centre stalls, at 30 dollars each; Nos. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26, at 20 dollars each; and eve stalls Nos. 61, 62, 63, 64, at 20 dollars each, eve stalls Nos. 57, 58, 59 and 60, at 15 dollars each; and all the remaining centre stalls at seven dollars, the remaining eve stalls at three dollars each; the whole exclusive of license."

The question was divided and taken on striking out, which was concurred in, and the amendment was dissented from.

The question was then taken on the final passage of the bill and concurred in by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. President, Hanson, E. Stansbury, Myers, Roney, Munroe, Ridgely, Russell, Jones, Baxley, Dushane, Blair—12.

Nays—Messrs. Browning, Louderman, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Alricks, Sanders, Morris, Jenkins, Gardner, Amos—10.

So endorsed, and sent to the second Branch.

Mr. Hubbard from the committee, delivered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the second Branch.

The joint committee on the Harbour to whom was referred the memorial of Richard Frisby of the 20th March, 1832,

Report,—That they have given the matter a full investigation, and find that by reference to a resolution approved the 10th of April, 1828, that an appropriation was made appropriating the sum of one hundred and sixty dollars for the purpose of walling up the property as described by the memorialist in this case, which was completed, agreeably to the aforesaid resolution, and that the grievance now complained of has proceeded from the neglect of the petitioner in not filling in behind the wall so constructed.

The committee therefore offer the subjoined resolution.

March 28th, 1832.

WM. HUBBARD,
WM. H. HANSON,
LOUIS WM. JENKINS, } *Committee First Branch.*

JAS. BEATTY, *Committee Second Branch.*

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of this subject, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his memorial.

Mr. Alricks from the committee delivered the following, which were read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on streets to whom was referred the resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of repaving Park lane at its junction with Chatsworth run, Report,—That having examined the situation of this street and the run at this point, they deem it expedient that the same should be repaired, and report accordingly.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorised and directed to make the necessary repairs upon so much of the pavement and wall at the junction of Park lane and Run alley with Chatsworth run, as is not private property, and they are hereby authorised to draw on the Register, with the approbation of the Mayor, for any sum not exceeding or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expense of the same.

The joint committee on Streets, to whom was referred the resolution relative to repaving High street, Report—That they deem it inexpedient to repave the same at the present time, and accordingly submit the subjoined resolution.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved by both Branches of the City Council, That the joint committee on Streets be and they are hereby discharged from the further consideration of the resolution relative to repaving High street, north and south of Gay streets, and that the same be referred to the consideration of the City Commissioners.

The joint committee on Streets, to whom was referred the resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of making a footway on the west side of Falls avenue, from Pratt street to the Drawbridge, Report—That they deem it inexpedient to recommend an appropriation to this object at the present time, and accordingly submit the subjoined resolution.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
JOSHUA MOTT,
RICHARD BEVAN, } *Second Branch*

Resolved by both Branches of the City Council, That the joint committee on Streets be and they are hereby discharged from the further consideration of the resolution relative to a footway on the west side of Falls avenue, from Pratt street to the Draw-bridge.

The resolution relative to gravelling Market street, F. P. and the resolution authorising William Hollins to erect a wooden bridge, were returned from the Second Branch endorsed concurred in.

Mr. Hanson from the committee, delivered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The joint committee on Claims to whom the communication of Francis I. Dallam was referred,

Report—That it appears to the committee that this corporation are proprietors of the lot of ground as set forth in the communication of Francis I. Dallam, dated the 27th March, 1832; that the same has been paved, and that the cost incurred thereby has not been paid, a-

mounting to the sum of twenty-nine dollars and seventy-five cents—Therefore offer the subjoined resolution.

28th *March*, 1832.

WM. H. HANSON, } *Committee*
ISAAC MUNROE, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER, *Second Branch*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register be, and he is hereby authorised, to pay to Francis I. Dallam the sum of twenty-nine dollars and seventy-five cents, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

The bill entitled An ordinance making an additional appropriation for the health department, was read a second time. Mr. Amos moved to add after the word "to" in the 3d line, "the sum appropriated by," which was concurred in. The bill was passed and sent to the Second Branch.

The resolution for repairing the market houses, was read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the second branch.

The resolution relating to a certain land warrant, was privately amended by consent of both branches, by striking out the sum appropriated, and inserting "such sum as may be necessary therefor."

Mr. Browning offered the following, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That from and after the passage of this resolution, all vessels arriving from England, Ireland, Scotland, or any part of the continent of Europe, shall perform quarantine at least one mile below Fort M'Henry, until authorised and permitted by the health officer to proceed to the city.

The resolution for the payment of a balance due on a certain sewer; and the resolution discharging the committee on the petition of Austin Woolfolk, were severally read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the second branch.

The branch called up the bill relative to Flying Horses, which had been returned by the Mayor with his objections thereto, and the question being taken on the passage of the same, the yeas and nays appeared as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Browning, J. E. Stansbury, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Myers, Roney, Jenkins, Gardner, Jones, Amos, Dushane, Blair—13.

Nays—Messrs. President, Louderman, Hubbard, Hanson, Morris, Munroe, Russell, Baxley—8.

There not being a constitutional majority, the bill was rejected.

Mr. Blair from the committee, delivered the following, which were read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

The joint committee to whom was referred the act of Assembly entitled, An act to provide for the opening a part of Parkin street, in the city of Baltimore, or closing the same, passed at December session 1831,—have had the same under consideration, and find that the owners, *or proprietors*, of all the ground binding on said street, are the memorialists for the passage of said law; your committee therefore submit a resolution approving said act.

JAMES BLAIR,
VALENTINE DUSHANE, } *First Branch.*
CORBIN AMOS,

HENRY STOUFFER,
WILLIAM REANEY, } *Second Branch*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the act of Assembly entitled, An act to provide for the opening a part of Parkin street, in the city of Baltimore, passed at December session 1831, be and the same is hereby approved.

The joint committee to whom was referred the act of Assembly entitled, An act to provide for the opening and extending Fayette street, in the city of Baltimore, passed at December session 1831,—have had the same under consideration, and believing that the western end of the town would be benefitted by the opening and extending said street, your committee accordingly submit a resolution approving said act.

JAMES BLAIR,
VALENTINE DUSHANE, } *First Branch.*
CORBIN AMOS,

HENRY STOUFFER,
WILLIAM REANEY, } *Second Branch*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the act of Assembly entitled, An act to provide for the opening and extending Fayette street, in the city of Baltimore, passed at December session 1831, be and the same is hereby approved.

The bill entitled A supplement to an ordinance to preserve the navigation of the harbour, &c. was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Jenkins was amended by striking out "about" in the 6th line, and inserting "fully prepared." On motion of Mr. Hubbard the bill was then laid on the table.

The resolution for walling Harford run from Pitt to Holland street; and the resolution for the payment of a balance due on a certain sewer, were returned from the second branch, endorsed concurred in.

The resolution in favor of the clerk of the Bel Air market; and

The resolution in favor of the assistant clerk of the Lexington market, were severally read a second time.

Mr. Sanders moved to strike out $100, for the assitsant clerk Lexington market, and insert $50; which was concurred in by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. President, Louderman, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Hanson, Alricks, Sanders, Gardner, Russell, Baxley, Amos—11.

Nays—Messrs. Browning, E. Stansbury, Roney, Morris, Munroe, Jenkins, Jones, Dushane, Blair—9.

Mr. Jones from the committee, delivered the following, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The committee on Fire Companies, to whom was referred the resolution directing them to report an Ordinance to prohibit the fire companies passing their apparatus over the foot pavements, ask leave to submit the accompanying ordinance.

Respectfully submitted.

Balt. March 28, 1832.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
HENRY MYERS,
ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr. } *Committee.*

The resolution making special appropriations for certain fire companies was read a second time. Mr. Jones moved to add "in the month of August next," after the word treasury in the 4th line, which was concurred in.

Mr. Jones moved to reconsider the vote above taken, which was concurred in; when on motion of the same gentleman the month of October was substituted.

On motion of Mr. Munroe the subject was laid on the table.

The Second Branch returns the resolution discharging the committee on Streets from further considering a subject therein mentioned;

The resolution discharging the committee on Streets on the petition of Austin Woolfolk; and

The resolution for repairing Market houses, severally endorsed, concurred in.

The resolution for repaving part of Baltimore street, east, was read a second time, concurred in and sent to the Second Branch.

The resolution for extending a tunnel over Chatsworth run, was returned from the Second Branch endorsed, concurred in with the proposed amendment—add at the conclusion, "provided the said street is paved the present season;" which was concurred in.

The bill to preserve the navigation of the harbour was again taken up—Mr. Hubbard moved to add after the word Baltimore, "except that part of the city called Deptford Hundred," which was concurred in. The bill was then passed.

The enrolled bill for the erection and removal of oil lamps;

The ordinance to preserve the navigation of the harbor;

The ordinance for the erection of gas lamps; and

The resolution authorising the Mayor to rent the old Potters' Field, were this day handed to the Mayor for approval.

The branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

THOS. PHENIX, *Clk.*

Thursday, March 29, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John I. Donaldson, Esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Young.

Mr. Baxley presented the petition of George Peters and others for a lamp, which was read and referred to the next annual session of the City Council.

Mr. Jenkins presented the petition of Robt. Armstrong and others for permission to construct a rail way in Mill street, which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Jenkins also presented an act of assembly relating to Cypress alley, which was read and sent to the second branch with a message proposing to refer it to a joint committee, and naming for this branch Messrs. Jenkins, Jones and Ridgely. The second branch appointed Messrs. Stouffer and Bevan, and informed this branch by message.

Mr. Alricks from the committee delivered the following, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on streets to whom was referred the several petitions and resolutions relative to flag-stones, presented at the present session, and the resolution reported by the committee on streets of last year; and also the petitions of last year relative to the same subject, respectfully report the subjoined resolution, which includes those in the resolution of last year, and also such as we deemed it expedient to put down, and to which our attention had been called either by resolution or petition of the present session.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorised and directed to put down flag and stepping stones at the places hereinafter designated, viz. flag stones across Ross street at or near the pump standing at the intersection of Long alley and Ross street; across Ross street

at a point near the junction of Eutaw street with said street, and across Pine street on a line with the footways of the north and south side of Saratoga street; stepping stones across Run alley at its intersection with Fayette street; flag stones across Paca street from the north east corner of Franklin and Paca streets; across Paca street from the north east corner of Paca and Saratoga streets to the north west corner; across Saratoga street west where it intersects Paca street; across Louisiana street from the Lexington hay scales to the north east corner of Green and said street; across Green street from the said north east corner to the west side of Green street; across Eutaw street from the south side of Dutch alley and Eutaw street; across Franklin on the west side of Howard street; across the north side of Mulberry street, at its intersection with Park lane; across Franklin street on the west side, at the intersection of Franklin and Park streets; across Franklin street on the east side at the intersection of Franklin street and Lerew's alley; across Franklin street at its intersection with the east side of St. Paul's street; stepping stones across Liberty street at Dutch alley; flag stones across the north side of Lombard street at its intersection with Hanover street; across Saratoga street from the south east to the north east corner of St. Paul's lane; across Calvert street from the south west corner of Bank lane and Calvert street to a point nearly opposite the bookstore of Jos. Robinson; across Light street from the north side of Hill street and Guilford alley; across South Charles street at its northern and southern intersection with Lombard street; across Lee street on the west side of Hanover street; across Hanover street on the south side of Lee street; across Lee street on the south side of Hanover; across Light street at its intersection with Hill street; across Hanover street at its intersection with the north side of Lombard street; across Charles street at the intersection of Charles and Lombard streets; across Light at the intersection of Light and Lombard street; across Camden street on the east side of Howard street; stepping stones across Howard street on the north side of Camden street; flag stones across Baltimore street at the west end of the bridge at Jones' Falls; across Harrison street at the angle or elbow on this street; across Water street at its western intersection with Exeter street; also from the hay scales at Bel-Air market to the pavement on the said Market space; across Brittain street at the pump newly erected on this street; across Pitt on the east side of High street; across east Baltimore on the east side of Temple street; across Asquith street at its northern intersection with Orleans street; across Fleet, on the east side of Anne street; across Argyle alley on the north side of Lancaster street; across Lancaster street on the east side of Market street; across Wolf street on the south side of Fleet street; across Apple alley on the north and south side of Allisanna street; across Market street, Fell's Point, from the north west corner of Shakespear street to the market house; stepping stones across Market street, Fell's Point, near the County wharf—and the city commissioners are hereby authorised to draw on the Register with the approbation of the Mayor, for any sum

not exceeding or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expense of the same.

Mr. Sanders presented the petition of R. Aitken relative to the inspection of pot ash; which was read and sent to the second branch with a message proposing to refer it to a joint committee, and appointing for this branch Messrs. Sanders, E. Stansbury and J. E. Stansbury; the second branch appointed Messrs. Beatty and Reaney, and informed this branch by message.

The following communication was received from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
March 29th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council—

I have approved and signed "An ordinance for the erection of gas lamps"—"A supplement to an ordinance entitled A supplement to an ordinance to preserve the navigation of the harbour"—and "An ordinance for the erection and removal of oil lamps"—also a "resolution relating to a certain land warrant"—a "resolution authorising the Register to pay to Joseph Townsend, John Hillen and George Decker a certain sum of money"—a "resolution authorising the Mayor to rent the old Potters' Field"—and a "resolution authorising the Mayor to borrow a certain sum of money.

Respectfully, yours, &c.

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

The following communication was received from the Mayor, read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
MARCH 29th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the City Council—

By an examination of appropriations already made, during your present session, I am inclined to believe the receipts of the year will hardly suffice to meet the necessary expenditures, consequently there will be no excess out of which the debt now due can be paid during this year. That debt, as shewn by the Register's summary, is *twenty thousand nine hundred dollars*, and was created by authority of resolution No. 36, approved 25th April, 1831, and "a supplement to an ordinance for the purposes therein mentioned," approved 23d August, 1831—*Eighteen thousand dollars* of the above debt, is required by the resolution to be paid on or before the first day of December next, and the residue on or before the first of July, 1833.

After taking this subject into consideration, I have concluded to recommend to your favorable notice, the propriety of authorising the commissioners of Finance to create a five per cent stock to the amount of twenty thousand dollars, by advertising for a loan to that amount, and applying the principal (and premium if any) to the payment of said

loan of twenty thousand dollars, whenever in their opinion, the interests of the city require it to be done.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. STEUART, Mayor.

Mr. Morris offered the following, which was read a first and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Ordered, That the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to enquire into the propriety of reporting a joint rule or regulation which will have for its object wholly to prevent the introduction of any ordinance or resolution containing a special appropriation, after the passage of the annual tax bill.

A communication from Samuel Boyd, relative to the pavement on Lloyd's lane, was received from the Mayor, which was read and referred to the committee on Streets.

Mr. Blair from the committee delivered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same endorsed concurred in.

The joint committee to whom was referred the act of Assembly entitled, An act to provide for the opening of Division street, in the city of Baltimnre, and for other purposes—have had the same under consideration, and believing the provisions of said act to be just and equitable, offer the following resolution approving the same.

JAMES BLAIR,
VALENTINE DUSHANE, } *First Branch.*
CORBIN AMOS,

HENRY STOUFFER,
WILLIAM REANEY, } *Second Branch*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the act of Assembly entitled, An act to provide for the opening of Division street, in Baltimore city, and for other purposes, passed at December session 1831, be and the same is hereby approved.

Thd bill entitled, An ordinance to prevent the passage of the apparatus of any of the fire companies upon the foot pavements, was read a second time, passed and sent to the Second Branch.

The resolution making special appropriations for the several fire companies, was read a second time, concurred in by the following vote, and sent to the Second Branch.

Yeas—Messrs. J. E. Stansbury, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Myers, Roney, Moale, Jenkins, Russell, Jones, Baxley, Amos, Dushane, Blair—13.

Nays—Messrs. President, Browning, Louderman, Hubbard, Sanders, Morris, Munroe, Gardner—8.

Mr. Blair presented the petition of William Lorman and others, which was read and laid on the table.

The Second Branch returned the resolution in favor of the Assistant Clerk, Lexington market;

The resolution in favor of the Clerk of the Bel Air market;

The resolution for repaving part of Cider alley; and

The resolution for a select joint committee for the purposes therein mentioned, severally endorsed dissented from.

The bill to regulate the several markets; and

The bill relating to the Baltimore and Ohio rail road company, endorsed, "will pass."

The resolution approving the act of Assembly for opening Parkin street—the resolution approving the act of Assembly for opening Fayette street; and

The resolution in favor of F. I. Dallam, endorsed, concurred in.

Mr. E. Stansbury offered the following, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the sum of one thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of an ordinance relating to dogs, passed at the extra session of August 23d, 1831.

Resolved, That the sum of four hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, for the purpose of carrying into effect, the ordinance relative to swine running at large, passed March 30th, 1828.

Resolved, That any thing in any ordinance, supplement or resolution, that is inconsistent with, or repugnant to, the provisions of the above resolutions, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Mr. Myers from the committee delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in and sent to the Second Branch.

The select joint committee appointed to enquire into the practicability and expediency of diverting the channel of Jones' Falls, so as to carry the waters thereof into the Patapsco river at some other point—and further, if such diversion be practicable, to enquire into the expediency of laying a track of the Baltimore and Susquehanna rail road on the present channel of said falls to the mouth thereof,

Report, that they have examined the subject matter referred to them with considerable attention; they view the object to be attained with deep interest, and highly important to the prosperity of the city;

they are of the opinion that Baltimore would derive lasting benefit by being relieved from heavy expenditures and disbursements, if the stream of the falls could be diverted from its present course. Its present embankments have frequently overflowed, and the property of our fellow citizens, binding on and adjacent to it, entirely inundated and their goods destroyed; although the city authorities have endeavoured to guard against it, still the calamity may and possibly will happen again. It is equally true, that at all times, but more particularly in times of freshets, or after a continuation of rains, immense quantities of alluvial are carried down the stream and deposited in the harbour or basin of Baltimore. The enormous expenditure of the revenue of the city, absolutely requisite to preserve it and render it useful, is known and too palpable to be questioned. This expenditure would be greatly diminish d if the stream of the falls could be diverted and carried to some point on the Patapsco, where the basin or harbor could not be affected.

This committee have diligently sought to fix upon some rational and feasible plan for diverting the stream of Jones' Falls, and avert the evils which now exist—they are of opinion that the stream might be carried from some point near Messrs. Keller & Forman's mill dam, and pursuing a westerly direction until it intersects or strikes Chatsworth run, and thence with the run until it empties itself into the south west branch of the Patapsco river, at a place called or known as Spring Gardens. But however desirable the object now under consider tion may be, and could be executed even at a moderate expense to the city, yet the committee are of opinion that such a measure, however desirable, cannot be recommended at this time, as the revenue and funds of the corporation cannot sustain it.

But the committee take occasion to observe, that if the place they have suggested, or any other more suitable could be carried into execution, the advantages flowing from it are undeniable; and they believe the time will arrive when the citizens of Baltimore will with one voice imperiously demand that the stream or channel of Jones' Falls shall be changed, and its course diverted in some other direction.

The committee, however, submit the following resolution.

HENRY MYERS,
WM. HUBBARD,
ISAAC MUNROE,
SAMUEL MOALE,
} *Committee First Branch.*

WILLIAM REANEY,
JAMES BEATTY,
} *Committee Second Branch.*

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from further consideration of the subject matter referred to them.

The resolutions discharging the committee on streets from further considering a certain subject;

The resolution for repairing the wall at the junction of Park lane and Run alley;

The resolution for repairing the Fish house wharf, were severally read a second time, concurred in and sent to the Second Branch.

Mr. Jenkins from the committee delivered the following, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The Committee to whom was referred a bill from the second branch entitled "An ordinance authorising the sale of the old Alms House property, with instructions to confer with the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company," respectfully Report,

That they have received a written communication from the President of that Company, which they ask leave to submit as part of their report. The committee with pleasure inform the first branch, that in their interview with the President and Directors of the Susquehanna Rail Road Company, they observed that the disposition of the company to gratify the purposes of the School Commissioners, and the desire of the corporation to have a depot in the north western section of the city, was clearly manifested. The committee recommend the passage of the ordinance with the amendment offered in the first branch, varying that amendment so as to extend the time for completing the branch rail way and depot therein referred to.

LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS,
WM. HUBBARD, } *Committee.*

BALTIMORE AND SUSQUEHANNA RAIL ROAD OFFICE,
29th March, 1832.

To the Committee of the City Council on the subject of the Depot at the old Alms House laid off for the Susquehanna Rail Road Co.

Gentlemen,

I am instructed by the Board of Directors to state that it is the positive intention of the Company to construct the rail road to or near the old Alms House, so soon as the Westminster branch of the rail road shall be extended far enough into the country to divert the trade from the present channel of communication to the rail road, as the mode of its transportation. The *precise* period at which this will occur cannot be exactly stated, and in the meantime the uncertainty of the matter may be prejudicial to the public interest and be calculated to injure the sale of the public property at and near the old Alms House. Nothing could be further from the wish of this company than such a result. If therefore it should be thought by the City Council, that under existing circumstances the holding the claim to this property by this company, would be calculated to embarrass the proceedings of the corporation in the sale of the lands at or near the old Alms House, or be otherwise injurious to the public interests, they have instructed me to say, that they would feel it their duty to relinquish the grant heretofore made by the corporation to this insti-

tution of an acre. They hope however, that this necessity may not exist, and that the City Council will be satisfied that the branch to the old Alms House will be constructed in time sufficiently early to gratify the public interest, and the trade of the western end of the city.

I am with great respect, your obedient,

GEO. WINCHESTER, President.

Mr. Alricks from the cemmittee delivered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in and sent to the Second Branch.

The joint committee on Streets, to whom was referred the petition of James R. Williams and others, relative to condemning, establishing the grade, and paving French alley, respectfully Report—that the Counsellor for the city being made acquainted with the circumstances connected with this application, and the length of time that this alley has been open, has communicated an opinion in writing, setting forth that this alley is already public and subject to the paving tax; your committee, therefore, do not deem the attention of the Council necessary upon this subject, and report accordingly.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved by both Branches of the City Council, That the joint committee on streets be and they are hereby discharged from the further consideration of the petition of James R. Williams, and that the same be referred to the consideration of the City Commissioners.

Mr. Alricks presented the petition of Francis Barker and others, for certain repairs in Mulberry street, which was read and referred to the committee on Streets.

The resolution for removing certain obstructions in Lexington street, was read a second time and dissented from.

Mr. Morris presented the petition of L. J. Cox & Moir and others, for permission to extend a track of rail way, which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Jenkins from the committee submitted the following report and a bill, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The committee on rail roads to whom was referred a resolution directing them to report an ordinance to regulate cars on rail-ways within the city, when they are not actually employed; to prevent idle and mischievous persons from running cars along the said rail ways; and to

fix a penalty for driving cars or permitting them to run along the rail ways in the city at a greater rate of speed than that limited by the ordinances of the city,—

Respectfully report the subjoined ordinance.

March 29th, 1832.

WM. HUBBARD,
WM. GWYNN JONES,
LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS, } First Branch.

HENRY STOUFFER,
JAMES BEATTY, } Second Branch.

Mr. Munroe from the committee delivered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

The joint committee on Armories to whom was referred the petition of Alex. Brown and others, praying for the removal of the watch house on North street, have had the same under consideration and report—

That it will not comport, in the opinion of the committee, with the interest of the city, to grant the prayer of the petitioners, until a sale of the property on which it is erected shall have been made. In accordance with these views the following resolution is submitted.

March 28, 1832.

ISAAC MUNROE,
JOHN E. STANSBURY,
HENRY MYERS, } First Branch.

SAMUEL MOORE, Second Branch.

Resolved, That the committee on the petition of A. Brown and others for the removal of the watch house on North street, be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Jones from the committee submitted the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time and concurred in.

The resolution authorising the City Commissioners to repave part of Lerew's alley, was read a second time. Mr Blair moved to fill the blank with $800, which was dfssented from. On molion of Mr. Blair the blank was filled with $401 10-100. Mr. Blair then moved to strike out "Saratoga," and insert "Mulberry," which was concurred in. The resolution was then dissented from.

The joint committee on the Alms House to whom was referred the report of the trustees of the poor for Baltimore city and county, respectfully report, That they have visited the institution under their charge, and are gratified at the order and cleanliness throughout the establishment. They are pleased to find that arrangements have been

made to keep the children as separate from the other inmates hs possible, and much praise and credit is due to the Trustees and the Superintendant for their careful supervision of the affairs of the institution. We respectfully submit the accompanying resolution.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
GEO. BAXLEY,
ALEX. RUSSELL,
} Committee First Branch.

SAMUEL MOORE,
BALTZER SCHÆFFER,
} Committee Second branch

Resolved, That the joint committee to whom was referred the report of the Trustees of the Poor of Baltimore city and county, be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The resolution authorising the City Commissioners to cut down and level William street, was read a second time and concurred in.

Mr. Hanson from the committee submitted the following, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Claims to whom was referred the memorial of James Bacon and Patrick Carr, Report,

That they are of opinion that the petitioners have no just claim upon the corporation for the use of the alley, it being a convenience to the parties now claiming compensation; and it is further understood by the committee, that the right to construct the sewer was given by Mrs. Cottman, now deceased, during her life, under whom Messrs. Bacon and Carr now claim, and likewise it is apparent to the committee, that the sewer does not interfere with the free use of the alley provided the same is kept in good order. Your committee would recommend that an appropriation be made for the purpose of putting the place in good repair, it being at this time in a state of nuisance, and to effect that they would respectfully offer the subjoined resolution.

Baltimore, March 29th 1832.

WM. H. HANSON,
SAMUEL MOALE,
ISAAC MUNROE,
} Committee First Branch.

HENRY STOUFFER, 2d Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby authorised and directed to place a wooden sewer of good and substantial materials, in the alley which runs from Biddle alley to Biddle street, and to draw on the Register for any sum not exceeding or so much thereof as may be necessary to complete the same.

The bill entitled, A supplement to an ordinance to preserve the navigation of the harbour, was returned from the Second Branch endorsed, will pass with the proposed amendments, which were twice read and concurred in.

Amendments proposed:

In the 5th line strike out the word "into" and insert "to any public wharf in."

Strike out the words interlined between the 5th and 6th lines. In the 8th line insert "public" before the word "wharf."

In the 10th line after the word "Dock" insert "or public wharf."

The report of the committee on the subject of obstructions in the Susquehannah river was read a second time. Mr. Morris moved to refer the subject to the next annual session of the City Council, which was dissented from. The question was taken on the resolution and concurred in by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. Louderman, J. E. Stansbury, Hanson, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Moale, Jenkins, Gardner, Russell, Jones, Baxley, Amos, Dushane, Blair—14.

Nays—Messrs. President, Browning, Hubbard, Alricks, Roney, Morris, Monroe, Ridgely—8.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard the Branch reconsidered the resolution to repave part of Lerew's alley—and it was laid on the table.

The Second Branch returned the resolution discharging the committee on Streets from further considering certain subjects. The report of the committee on the practicability of diverting the channel of Jones' Falls, and the resolution for repairing the Fish house wharf, severally endorsed concurred in.

The resolution for repairing the wall at the junction of Park lane and Run alley, was returned from the Second Branch endorsed, concurred in with the proposed amendment—strike out $64 and insert $74—which was concurred in.

The bill for the sale of the old Alms house property was read a second time. Mr. Jenkins moved to add at the end of the first section the following:

"And the said Commissioners may in their discretion first cause Eutaw street to be opened through the said property, provided the expense of opening the same be paid out of the proceeds of the sale thereof;" which was concurred in.

The question was then taken on the amendments offered by Mr. Jenkins on the 24th; Mr. Jenkins moved to strike out "on the 15th day of July next," in the 25th line, which was concurred in.

Mr. Hanson moved to substitute two dollars for one dollar, (the compensation to the assessors,) which was concurred in.

Mr. Dushane moved to add "tenth," before 11th and 12th wards, which was concurred in.

The amendment was then concurred in.

Mr. Jenkins moved to strike out "School Fund," in the 5th line old

4th sect., and insert "payment of the debt due thereon," which was concurred in.

Mr. Jenkins moved to transpose the words "to apply" in the 5th line, 4th sect. and to place them after the word "and," in the 4th line, which was concurred in.

Mr. Hanson moved to strike out "five thousand" in the 9th line, 4th sect. and insert "four thousand," which was dissented from.

Mr. Jenkins moved to transpose the words "during the present year," in the 11th line, and place them after the word "house" in the 10th line, which was concurred in.

Mr. Jenkins moved to add after the word "sell" in the 6th line, 1st sect. the word "lease," which was concurred in.

The question was then taken on the bill, and will pass with the proposed amendment.

The resolution authorising the City Commissioners to repave part of Lerews alley, was read a second time; Mr. Blair moved to fill the blank with $800, which was dissented from. On motion of Mr. Blair the blank was filled with $401 10-00. Mr. Blair then moved to strike out "Saratoga," and insert "Mulberry," which was concurred in. The resolution was then dessented from.

The following enrolled bills were this day handed to the mayor for approval:

A resolution relative to gravelling Market street, F. P.;
A resolution for the payment of a balance due on a certain sewer;
A resolution authorising Wm. Hollins to erect a wooden bridge;
A resolution for walling Harford run from Pitt to Holland street;
A resolution for extending a tunnel over Chatsworth run;
A resolution for repairing the market houses;
An ordinance relating to public pumps and wells;
An ordinance permitting Emory street to remain closed; and
An ordinance to approve and carry into effect a certain act of assembly therein mentioned.

The branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

THOS. PHENIX, *Clk.*

Friday, March 30, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John I. Donaldson, Esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Young.

The following communication was received from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
March 30th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council—

I have approved and signed "An ordinance to approve and carry into effect a certain act of assembly therein mentioned"—"An ordinance permitting Emory street to remain closed"—and "an ordinance relating to public pumps and wells"—also "a resolution for repairing the market houses"—"a resolution for the payment of a balance due on a certain sewer"—"a resolution relative to gravelling Market street, Fell's Point"—"a resolution authorising William Hollins to erect a wooden bridge"—"a resolution for extending a tunnel over Chatsworth run"—and a "resolution for walling Harford run, from Pitt to Holland street."

Respectfully, yours, &c.

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

A communication from William Patterson relative to certain steam boats placed opposite his wharf, was received from the Mayor, which was read and referred to the committee on the harbour.

A resolution on the petition of Alex. Fridge was received from the second branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the second branch.

Mr. Donaldson from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the second branch.

The committee of Ways and Means to whom was referred the order of the first branch, to enquire into the expediency of reporting a joint rule to prevent the introduction of any ordinance or resolution containing a special appropriation after the passage of the annual tax bill, Report,—

That they consider it inexpedient to report any rule on the subject

at this late period of the session, particularly so, as there will be a new council in both branches at the next session.

They report a resolution agreeably to the above.

JNO. I. DONALDSON,
SAML. MOALE,
LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS, } *First Branch*

F. LUCAS, Jr.
SAMUEL MOORE, } *Second Branch*

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that it be referred to the favorable consideration of the next council.

Mr. Hubbard from the committee, delivered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the second branch.

The committee on the Harbour to whom was referred the resolution of the first branch of the city council of the 14th March, 1832, calling on John Scott, esq. attorney of the city, for information relative to certain claims due to this corporation, report the following resolution, which is respectfully submitted.

March 30th, 1832.

WM. HUBBARD,
WM. H. HANSON,
LOUIS WM. JENKINS, } *Committee First Branch.*

JAS. BEATTY, *Committee Second Branch.*

Resolved, That the committee on the Harbor be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Sanders from the committee, delivered the following report, and a bill, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, passed, and sent to the second branch.

The select joint committee to whom was referred the memorial of Robt. Aitken, have had the same under consideration, and are of the opinion that the memorialist's prayer ought to be granted. They therefore beg leave to report by ordinance, which are respectfully submitted.

BENEDICT I. SANDERS,
ELIJAH STANSBURY, Jr. } First Branch.
JOHN E. STANSBURY,

JAMES BEATTY,
WILLIAM REANEY, } Second Branch.

A resolution for improving a sewer in south Charles street, was returned from the second branch, endorsed dissented from.

Mr. Amos presented the petition of A. G. Cole and others, which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Donaldson from the committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the second branch.

The committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Mayor's communication of the 29th inst. ask leave to report:

That they have re-examined the condition of the city Treasury, and have found that the appropriations of the present session already passed and approved, together with the outstanding balances of former years, and the loans of last session, will exceed the amount of probable receipts by the sum of $31,029 70, including the said loan of $20,900, which by the terms of an ordinance No. 36, approved 25th of April, 1831, and "an ordinance for the purposes therein mentioned," approved 23d August, 1831, is to be paid, part, to wit: $18,000 on or before the 1st day of December next, and the residue on or before the 1st July, 1833. The committee recommend that the Mayor be authorised to extend the period of payment of the whole of the said loan of $20,900 until the 1st of July, 1833—and they would also respectfully suggest that the Councils should pass no more appropriations unless they be absolutely necessary and essential—accordingly they submit the following resolution.

JOHN. I. DONALDSON,
SAMUEL MOALE,
LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS, } *First Branch.*

SAMUEL MOORE—*Second Branch.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorised to borrow a sum of money, not exceeding eighteen thousand dollars, reimbursable on or before the first day of July, 1833, to repay the amount borrowed by virtue of an ordinance approved April 25th, 1831.

The report of the committee on Claims on the petition of Jas. Bacon and Patrick Carr, was read a second time. On motion of Mr. Hanson, the blank was filled with $115, and the resolution concurred in and sent to the second branch.

Mr. Alricks from the committee, delivered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time.

The joint committee on Streets to whom was referred the act of Assembly relative to opening a part of Bottle alley, and the counter petition of Josiah Hubble and others, asking that the corporation may not approve of said act, respectfully Report—that they examined the premises, and deeming it for the benefit of the public that said alley should be extended and opened, as provided for in the said act, and said act containing the usual provision of appeal, which affords ample protection to private right and secures individuals against injustice;

your committee therefore recommend the approval of the act, this sanction being required before it can take effect, and with that view they submit the accompanying resolution.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch*

HENRY STOUFFER,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the act of Assembly, passed at the recent December session of the Legislature of Maryland entitled, "A supplement to an act entitled An act relating to the opening of Bottle alley in the city of Baltimore, and for other purposes," be and the same is hereby approved of.

Mr. Ridgely moved to lay the subject on the table, which was concurred in by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. President, Browning, J. E. Stansbury, Hanson, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Myers, Roney, Jenkins, Ridgely, Russell, Blair —12.

Nays—Messrs. Louderman, Hubbard, Sanders, Morris, Moale, Gardner, Baxley, Amos, Dushane—9.

Mr. Jenkins offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

WHEREAS, the joint committee appointed at the last session, on the City Court and Police system of the city, have been prevented from reporting on account of the illness and unavoidable absence of the chairman—Therefore,

Resolved by both Branches of the City Council, That the said committee be, and they are hereby authorised and requested, to report at an early period of the next annual session.

Mr. Jones from the committee delivered the following report, and a bill, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, passed, and sent to the second branch.

The joint committee to whom was referred the act of assembly relating to Cypress alley, ask leave to report the accompanying ordinance, which is respectfully submitted.

March 30th, 1832.

LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS,
WM. GWYNN JONES,
NOAH RIDGELY, } First Branch.

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN, } Second Branch.

The two branches met in convention, and after sitting a short time adjourned.

Mr. Blair, from the committee delivered the following, which was read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the second branch.

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Michael Croft and others relative to grading part of Biddle street, have had the same under consideration, and think it inexpedient to legislate on the subject at this time. Therefore offer the following resolution.

JAMES BLAIR,
WM. H. HANSON,
NOAH RIDGELY, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
WILLIAM REANEY, } *Second Branch*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the joint committee to whom was referred the petition of Michael Croft and others, be and they are hereby discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Mr. Sanders offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time:

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby authorised and directed to have the sewer running across Monument street, between Harford avenue and York road, filled up, and that part of said Monument street paved solid, so as to have the water from a spring called Jones' spring carried on the surface of said street. And that the said Commissioners, with the approbation of the Mayor, are hereby authorised to draw on the Register for such sums as may be necessary to do the same, not exceeding 109 dollars, to be drawn out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

Which was concurred in by the following vote, and sent to the second branch.

Yeas—Messrs. Louderman, Browning, J. E. Stansbury, Hanson, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Myers, Roney, Gardner, Russell, Baxley—12.

Nays—Messrs. President, Hubbard, Morris, Moale, Munroe, Jenkins, Ridgely, Jones, Amos, Blair, Dushane—11.

The bill for the valuation and assessment of property in the city of Baltimore, was returned from the second branch, endorsed will not pass.

The resolution making appropriations for the purposes specified, was read a second time.

Mr. Ridgely moved to strike out $1000 and insert $500, which was dissented from.

The resolution was then concurred in, and sent to the second branch.

Mr. Jones from the committee, delivered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the second branch.

The joint committee on Markets to whom was referred the resolution directing them to enquire into the expediency of selling the stalls in the Centre Fish Market, report,

That they have considered the subject, and believing it inexpedient at this time to legislate further upon this subject, they submit the subjoined resolution.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
VALENTINE DUSHANE,
HENRY MYERS,
} *Committee First Branch.*

JOSHUA MOTT,
WILLIAM REANEY,
} *Committee Second Branch.*

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of this subject.

Mr. Amos from the committee, delivered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the second branch.

The joint committee on Health to whom was referred the second section of an act of the General Assembly, No. 252, passed 8th of March, 1832, entitled An act to vest certain powers in the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, have examined the same, and in compliance with its provision respectfully submit the following resolution.

March 30th, 1832.

CORBIN AMOS,
NOAH RIDGELY,
HENRY R. LOUDERMAN,
} *First Branch.*

WILLIAM REANEY,
M. GRAFTON,
} *Second Branch*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register be and he is hereby directed to have the second section of the act of the General Assembly, No. 252, entitled, An act to vest certain powers in the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, published as soon as practicable, in two of the newspapers printed in this city.

Mr. Jones from the committee, delivered the following report, and a bill, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and on motion of Mr. Jenkins referred to the next annual session of the council.

The committee on Markets, to whom was referred the petition of G. W. Miller and others, relative to a nuisance created by the sale of cows in the streets near their premises, ask leave to submit the accompanying ordinance.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
HENRY MYERS,
VALENTINE DUSHANE, } Committee First Branch.

WILLIAM REANEY,
JOSHUA MOTT, } Committee Second branch

Mr. Jenkins from the committee, delivered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the second branch.

The joint committee to whom was referred, the report of the Governors and Visitors of the Jail of Baltimore County, Report,

That in compliance with the request of the Governors and Visitors, the committee visited the Jail and examined the books and accounts, and found them to correspond with the report of the receipts and expenditures, submitted to the Councils at the commencement of the present session.

The committee cannot conclude without expressing their entire approbation of the general discipline of the institution, and testifying to the attention and fidelity of all its officers.

The committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS,
WM. H. HANSON,
CORBIN AMOS, } *First Branch.*

SAMUEL MOORE,
M. GRAFTON, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved, That the committee on the report of the Governors and Visitors of the Jail, be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The second branch returned the following, severally endorsed concurred in.

The resolution authorising the city commissioners to cut down and level William street;

The resolution on the petition of Michael Croft and others;

The report and resolution of the committee of Ways and Means;

The report of the joint committee on the subject of obstructions in the Susquehanna river;

The report of the committee on the Alms House;

The report of the joint committee on Armories on the petition of A. Brown and others;

The report of the committee on the practicability and expediency of diverting the channel of Jones' Falls;

The report of the committee on the harbor;

The resolution continuing a certain committee; also

A bill entitled An ordinance to prevent the passage of the apparatus of any of the fire companies upon the foot pavements;

A bill entitled an ordinance to approve of an act of assembly entitled An act relating to Cypress alley, in the city of Baltimore;

A bill entitled a supplement to the ordinance entitled An ordinance for the inspection of pot and pearl ashes;—severally endorsed "will pass."

The resolution for selling the city property on Holliday street was returned from the second branch, endorsed dissented from.

The bill entitled An ordinance to authorise the construction of certain rail ways within the city of Baltimore, was read a second time.

Mr. Jenkins moved to add after the word 'street,' 13th line, "Cheapside street"—Concurred in.

Mr. Blair moved to add in 5th line, Paca street, north of Pratt street—concurred in.

Mr. Dushane moved to add "in Green street, from Pratt street to Franklin street, along said street to Eutaw, and in Green street south to Columbia street"—concurred in.

Mr. Jenkins moved to add Mill street, after Pratt street—concurred in.

Mr. Amos moved to add Baltimore street, between Paca and Eutaw street—concurred in.

Mr. Jenkins moved to add "of front feet," after the word extent, in the 9th line of the printed bill—concurred in.

Mr. Jenkins moved to add the following as the 7th section.

And be it enacted and ordained, That the owners of the lumber yard in Pratt street, occupied by A. G. Cole, Coates and Company, are hereby authorised to construct a rail way from the said main stem, to and into the said lumber yard, subject so far as may be to all the general provisions of this ordinance.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Jenkins moved to add the words "the owner" in the 3d line of 1st sect. after the word from—concurred in.

Mr. Hanson moved to add the word "front" in the 7th line, 4th sec. after the word "of"—concurred in.

The bill was then passed and sent to the second branch.

The bill entitled An ordinance to regulate rail road cars within the city of Baltimore, was read a second time.

Mr. Jones moved to add after the word 'car,' 7th line, the following—"except when several cars may be connected together, in which case the said chain or fastening shall be attached to one of the said cars"—concurred in.

Mr. Jenkins moved to add after the word 'prevent' in the 8th line, "car or cars from"—concurred in. In the 13th line, add, "person or persons or", after the word 'said'—concurred in.

Mr. Amos moved to strike out the 4th section, which was dissented from.

Mr. Jones moved to add at the end of the 4th section, the following: "And any person violating any of the provisions of this section, shall incur, forfeit and pay a sum not less than one nor more than five dollars, to be recovered and applied as aforesaid"—concurred in by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. President, Louderman, Browning, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Hanson, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Morris, Munroe, Russell, Jones, Blair—13.

Nays—Messrs. Roney, Gardner, Jenkins, Ridgely, Baxley, Amos, Dushane—7.

Mr. Jones moved to strike out the words "in the employ or service of any rail road company" in the second line, 3d section—concurred in.

Mr. Blair moved to add the following as the 5th section.

And be it enacted and ordained, That it shall not be lawful for any rail road company, or any other person or persons or company, owning a car or cars, to fasten together on said road within the limits of the city, more than ten cars at any one time—and any person or persons, or company, violating against the provisions of this ordinance, shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars.

Mr. Jenkins moved the bill be laid on the table—concurred in.

The following enrolled bills were handed to the Mayor for approval:

A resolution approving the act of assembly for opening Fayette st.;

A resolution approving the act of assembly for opening Parkin st.;

A resolution for repairing the fish house wharf;

A resolution for repairing the wall at the junction of Park lane and Run alley;

A resolution in favor of F. I. Dallam;

An ordinance entitled an additional supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance to regulate the several markets;

An ordinance entitled A further supplement to an ordinance to preserve the navigation of the harbour of Baltimore.

An ordinance entitled A further supplement to an ordinance relating to the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road company.

The branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

THOS. PHENIX, *Clk.*

Saturday, March 31, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John I. Donaldson, Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs. Morris and Young.

Mr. Munroe from the committee, delivered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the second branch.

The joint committee on Education to whom was referred a resolution originating in the second branch, and another in the first branch of the City Council, directing an enquiry into the expediency of raising money for the benefit of public schools, &c. by a sale of the old Alms House property, beg leave to report,—That the subject having been subsequently disposed of by ordinance, the committee do not deem any further action upon it to be necessary. The following resolution is therefore submitted.

March 27th, 1832.

ISAAC MUNROE,
LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS, } *First Branch.*
CORBIN AMOS,

SAMUEL MOORE,
JAS. BEATTY, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from a further consideration of the subject.

The second branch returned the same endorsed concurred in.

Mr. Blair offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the second branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, to erect a bridge across west Lexington street, over a small water course at its interection with Waudsbeck street, and that the Register pay the sum above appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. Provided, That the said bridge shall not be erected until the obstructions in Lexington street, west of Cove street, shall have been removed, and the street actually opened.

On motion of Mr. Ridgely, a message was sent to the second branch proposing with their concurrence the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the Mayor to inform him the Council are about to adjourn *sine die.* and to enquire if he has any further communication to make, and appointing for this branch Messrs. Ridgely and Russell.

The resolution authorising the City Commissioners to repave part of Lerew's alley, was read a second time, concurred in, and sent to the second branch.

Mr. Alricks presented the petition of George A. Brice, relative to Bowers' sewer; which was read and referred to the second branch.

The resolution relative to Bottle alley was read a second time.

Mr. Jones offered as a substitute "A bill entitled An ordinance to approve and carry into effect an act of assembly therein mentioned," which was assented to. The bill was then passed by the following vote, and sent to the second branch.

Yeas—Messrs. Browning, J. E. Stansbury, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Roney, Munroe, Jenkins, Gardner, Ridgely, Jones, Baxley, Blair—12.

Nays—Messrs. President, Louderman, Hubbard, Myers, Moale, Russell, Amos, Dushane—8.

The following communication was received from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
March 31st, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council—

I have approved and signed "A supplement to an ordinance entitled A supplement to an ordinance to preserve the navigation of the harbour of Baltimore"—"An ordinance entitled a further supplement to an ordinance relating to the Baltimore and Ohio rail road company" —and "an ordinance entitled an additional supplement to an ordinance entitled, an ordinance to regulate the several markets"—also "a resolution approving the act of assembly for opening Fayette street"—"a resolution approving the act of assembly relative to Parkin street"—"a resolution for repairing the fish house wharf"—"a resolution for repairing the wall at the junction of Park lane and Run alley"—and a "resolution in favor of Francis J. Dallam."

Respectfully, yours, &c.

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

The report of the committee on Claims on the petition of James Bacon and Patrick Carr;

The report of the committee on Markets;

The report of the visitors to the Jail;

The resolution for filling up a certain sewer;

The resolution directing the Register to perform a certain dut

Were returned from the Second Branch, severally endorsed concurred in.

Mr. Jenkins from the committee, delivered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the second branch.

The Committee on Rail Roads, Report, That in the course of their deliberations, having instructed one of their members to address certain queries to the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, and believing that the said correspondence should appear upon the Journal, they beg leave to submit the said queries, together with the answers thereto, to the consideration of the Councils—

WM. HUBBARD,
WM. GWYNN JONES,
LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER, *Second Branch.*

Resolved, That the Committee on Rail Roads be discharged from the further consideration of the subject committed to them.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Baltimore, March 22d, 1832.

P. E. Thomas, Esq.

Dear Sir:—The Committee on Rail Roads have instructed me to propose certain queries to your Board, the answers to which, will materially assist their deliberations upon many important questions now before them.

They wish to be informed, firstly: Whether if the City Corporation authorize the construction of branch rail-ways, collateral to your main stem in Pratt street, upon the application of persons unconnected with the operations your Company, you will after the construction of such branch railways, undertake to keep them in good repair at the charge of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company.

Secondly: Will the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road permit and instruct its agents to superintend the cars which may be required along the said branch rail-ways, in the same manner, and under the same circumstances (as far as may be conveniently practicable) as they are superintended along the main stem;—and take the same power which may be used to draw the cars along the main stem, to continue them along the branches?

An early answer is respectfully solicited, as we hope to adjourn the Councils by the last day of this month.

With great esteem,

Your obd't servant,

Signed, LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS.

Office of the Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road,
26th March, 1832.

Esteemed friend—Thy communication of the 22d of this month was duly received and has been submitted to the Directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company.

The Board instruct me, in reply, to state, that they do not consider themselves to be authorised either under their charter, or consistently with their obligations to the stockholders, to enter into any engagements to keep in good repair at the charge of this Company. such branch or lateral rail-ways as individuals or other bodies may construct either within the city of Baltimore, or along any other part of the line, with a view of forming a connexion with the main stem of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road. By entering into snch an engagement the Compauy might be considered as having committed themselves to a system which would involve them in responsibilities of indefinite extent, for the obligation would necessarily apply with equal force to lateral branches connecting with the road as well beyond as within the limits of the city of Baltimore.

The Directors will, as far as circumstances and further experience may enable them, give every reasonable facility in their power to the extension of the trade of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road along any line of branch or lateral rail way which the city may authorise to be connected with their main stem, provided that such rail ways be so constructed as to afford the same economy and facility for travelling as the main line of the road, and in such manner as not to occasion additional cost or inconvenience to the Company.

The Board earnestly solicit the attention of the City Corporation to the injuries which the Company now suffer from idle and mischievous persons wantonly running their cars over the rail-ways in the streets, to the eminent peril of their own lives, as well as damage to the Company. They also respectfully suggest the propriety of a system of regulations being adopted for the government of the trade on the road within the city, so far as concerns the receipt of articles upon the cars, and the delivery of freight from them; and they further solicit the consideration of the Mayor and City Council to such revision of the ordinance now in force respecting the travelling upon the streets within the city, as will confine the passing of wagons, carriages, drays, carts and other vehicles along all streets on which rail-ways may be laid down, to the sides of such streets, and so as to keep clear of the rail tracks. A regulation to this effect will be indispensable to the preservation of the rail ways which may be laid down within the city.

With the assurance of my very sincere esteem,

I am respectfully thy friend,

P. E. THOMAS,
President B. & O. R. R. Co.

Louis William Jenkins, Esq.

Mr. Alricks from the committee, delivered the following report and a bill, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, passed and sent to the second branch.

The joint committee on streets to whom was referred the petition of Watchman & Bratt and others relative to the grade of William, Johnson and Hughes streets, respectfully report, that upon examining the grade of these streets as established in the year 1811, they find it entirely unsuited to the present situation of the surrounding property, and therefore report the accompanying bill, in accordance with the act of assembly conferring power upon the corporation to alter and change the grade of streets.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR, } *First Branch.*
GEORGE GARDNER,

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN, } *Second Branch.*
JOSHUA MOTT,

The bill to regulate rail road cars within the city of Baltimore was called up.

Mr. Jenkins moved to add in the 12th line, 2d sect. the words "so remaining and", which was concurred in.

The question was then taken on the amendment offered by Mr. Blair on yesterday, and concurred in.

The bill was then passed and sent to the second branch.

Mr. Alricks from the committee delivered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time.

The joint Committee on streets to whom were referred the act of Assembly relative to closing up a part of Liberty street, and the petition of William Wilson, and the Vestry St. Paul's Parish, and also the counter petition of Andrew Hack and others, all relating to the same subject, respectfully report, That this part of Liberty street is situated between Saratoga and Mulberry streets, and was laid out and located by the commissioners appointed under the 12th section of the act of 1817, ch. 148, but has never been opened as provided for in the 16th section of said act. The act referred to your committee, and which requires the sanction of the Mayor and City Council before it can take effect, repeals the 16th section of the act above mentioned so far as it relates to Liberty street, and thereby forever closes this street: The petitioners in asking the sanction of the Corporation to this act, set forth that they are the proprietors of the greatest part of the ground over which this street has been located as aforesaid, that it is of great inconvenience to them by depriving them of the use of their property, and further, that it is not likely ever to benefit the public. The counter petition on the other hand states, that it is a public benefit, that the opening of this street would be a great improvement to that part of the

City, and that they have considered the opening of it under the act of 1817, as secured, and pray that the Council may not approve of the act proposing to close it up.—Your committee having examined the premises, deem the opening of this street a great public benefit and an improvement to that part of the town, and more than commensurate with the expense of removing the obstructions under the 16th section of the act of 1817, ch. 148. When opened it will nearly strike Cathedral street, and will be an outlet, and the only outlet, for those residing in the southern section of Liberty street, to the country, or the northern limits of the city, and will add much to the health and convenience of that part of the town; and if not opened within a short time, those owning property to be taken for the opening thereof, will have just cause to complain of a hardship in being deprived of the use of their property. Fully impressed with the belief that the street will shortly be opened and that a great public benefit will be derived therefrom, and that ample relief will then be afforded the petitioners without injury to the public, we would therefore recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

T. P. ALRICKS, *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That it is inexpedient to shut up Liberty street, from Saratoga to Mulberry street—and that they do not approve of the act of Assembly passed at the recent December session of the Legislature of Maryland, entitled "An act relative to Liberty street, in the city of Baltimore."

Mr. Dushane moved to refer it to the next annual session, which was dissented from. The resolution was concurred in by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. Browning, J. E. Stansbury, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Munroe, Jenkins, Gardner, Ridgely, Russell, Jones, Baxley, Amos, Blair—14.

Nays—Messrs. President, Louderman, Hubbard, Hanson, Myers, Roney, Dushane—7.

The resolution for flag and stepping stones was read a second time.

Mr. Alricks moved to fill the blank with $1608 74-100, which was concurred in.

Mr. Alricks moved to add at the end of the resolution, "four hundred dollars of this amount to be taken out of the appropriation to this object in the appropriation bill of this year, and the balance to be taken out of any unappropriated money in the treasury"—which was concurred in.

Mr. Moale from the committee, delivered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time:

The committee of Claims to whom was referred the petition of William G. Cook and Alcæus B. Wolfe, Report,—

That the amount which the petitioners pray to be reimbursed, is one which this committee deem, ought to be, on grounds of equity and justice, paid to the petitioners by the corporation of the city of Baltimore.

The meetings from which the petitioners derived their authority, were convened by the Mayor of the city of Baltimore, in his official capacity. At the representations from those meetings, the petitioners were appointed sub-marshals, and in the exercise of the functions of their office contracted the debts for which they have been held liable in their individual character, and which they have been compelled to pay.

The claim being one of equity alone, affecting two private individuals, your committee consider that the question, whether, or how far, the chief executive officer of the city transcended the proper boundaries of his authority, is one which does not materially affect the claim of the petitioners. Appointed by meetings called at the instance of the Mayor of the city of Baltimore, and acting by the authority of those meetings, they contracted debts which the law of the land compelled them to pay to the persons with whom they made the necessary contracts, but which in the opinion of this committee should be refunded to the petitioners.

If the chief Executive officer of the corporation made an undue exercise of the authority with which he was invested by his fellow-citizens, your committee considers it contrary to justice and equity, that the consequences should be borne by two individuals who were acting at the instance of that executive officer, and the citizens in general—who contracted the debts in question not for their private benefit or pleasure, but for the benefit and gratification of the city in general, and for objects in which the whole population of Baltimore participated.

They therefore offer the subjoined resolution.

30*th March*, 1832.

WM. H. HANSON,
SAML. MOALE,
ISAAC MUNROE, } *First Branch.*

THOMAS SEWELL, *Second Branch.*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register be, and he is hereby authorised to pay to Wm. G. Cook and Alcæus B. Wolfe, the sum of two hundred and five dollars, forty-five cents, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

Mr. Sanders moved to lay the subject on the table.

Yeas—Messrs. Alricks, Sanders, Gardner, Amos, Dushane—5.

Nays—Messrs. President, Browning, Louderman, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Hanson, E. Stansbury, Myers, Roney, Moale, Munroe, Ridgely, Russell, Jones, Baxley, Blair—16.

Determined in the negative.

The question was taken on the resolution, and dissented from by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. Browning, J. E. Stansbury, Hanson, E. Stansbury, Myers, Roney, Moale, Munroe, Jones, Blair—10.

Nays—Messrs. President, Louderman, Hubbard, Sanders, Gardner, Ridgely, Russell, Baxley, Amos, Dushane—10.

The report of the committee on Fire Companies was returned from the second branch, endorsed concurred in with the proposed amendment: substitute "January," instead of "October", in the 5th line—which was twice read and concurred in.

The bill entitled An ordinance to regulate rail road cars within the city of Baltimore, was returned from the second branch, endorsed will pass with the proposed amendments:

Strike out the amendment to the 4th section, and strike out the 5th section, which was twice read and concurred in.

Mr. Hubbard from the committee delivered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the second branch.

The committee on the Harbour to whom was referred the petition of William Patterson, relative to the floating steam saw mills, located near the warehouses and property of the petitioner on Fell's Point, respectfully report,

That after an attentive consideration of the subject, and an examination of the ordinances having reference thereto, they are of opinion that the remedy for the grievance of which the petitioner so justly complains is not within the scope of the powers of this Corporation.—They therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

March 31st, 1832.

WM. HUBBARD,
LOUIS WM. JENKINS, } *First Branch.*

JAS. BEATTY, *Second Branch.*

Resolved, That the Committee on the Harbour be discharged from the further consideration of the said petition.

Mr. Jones from the committee, delivered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the second branch.

The joint committee on Markets having taken into consideration

the great inconvenience to which many of our citizens have been subject in consequence of the number of cows and calves which are frequently collected in the streets and there permitted to remain a considerable time by those offering them for sale. In order to obviate this inconvenience they ask leave to submit the subjoined resolution.

WM. GWYNN JONES,
VALENTINE DUSHANE, } Committee
HENRY MYERS, } First Branch.

JOSHUA MOTT, } Committee
WILLIAM REANEY, } Second branch

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby respectfully requested to ascertain if a suitable lot or lots can be procured to be used as a cow market; and he is hereby desired to report the result thereof to the next annual session.

Mr. Hanson offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby authorised and directed to take up one third of the stone pavement on each side of Pratt street, measuring from the curb stones towards the centre of said street, from Pratt street bridge to the east side of President street, and to repave the same—and they are hereby authorised to draw on the Register with the approbation of the Mayor for any sum not exceeding three hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expense of the same.

Mr. Dushane moved to lay it on the table, which was dissented from.

The resolution was concurred in by the following vote, and sent to the second branch.

Yeas—Messrs. President, Browning, Louderman, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Hanson, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Myers, Munroe, Jenkins, Ridgely, Russel—14.

Nays—Messrs. Gardner, Jones, Baxley, Amos, Dushane—5.

The bill entitled An ordinance relative to altering the grade of William, Johnson and Hughes street, was returned from the second branch, endorsed will pass with the proposed amendment.

Amendment proposed:

Strike out all after the title, and substitute the following:

Be it enacted and ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to make such alteration in the grade of William and Johnson streets from Montgomery street to their northern termination at York street, as in their opinion the public interest and con-

venience may require; and also in the grade of Hughes street, from Light street to Henry street: Provided the said Commissioners are satisfied that the persons asking for said alteration are the owners of the greater number of feet of ground fronting on said streets within the limits stated in their application, agreeably to an act of assembly passed 22d February, 1830, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act relating to the city of Baltimore, and approved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, 31st March, 1830. And provided further, that the application of Watchman & Bratt and others, presented at this session, be filed in the City Commissioners' office, and the alteration which may be made, be entered in the grade book of said commissioners.

Which was twice read and concurred in.

The resolution relative to quarantine was read a second time.

Mr. Hanson moved to add at the end of the resolution the following, which was concurred in: "And that all communication be interdicted except by the permission of the health officer of this port."

The resolution was concurred in by the following vote, and sent to the second branch.

Yeas—Messrs. Browning, Louderman, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Hanson, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Myers, Roney, Jenkins, Gardner, Jones, Baxley, Dushane, Blair—16.

Nays—Messrs. President, Munroe, Ridgely, Russell, Amos—5.

In pursuance of a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to prepare a memorial to his Excellency the Governor of Maryland relative to obstructions in the Susquehanna river, the President appointed Messrs. Jones, Hanson and Sanders; the second branch appointed Messrs. Beatty and Moore, and informed this branch by message.

The resolution authorising the city commissioners to repave part of Ensor street, was read a second time. On motion of Mr. Alricks the blank was filled with $915; and on motion of Mr. Jones the subject was referred to the next annual session.

Mr. E. Stansbury from leave, asked and obtained, reported a bill entitled A supplement to an ordinance relative to dogs, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, passed and sent to the second branch.

The bill entitled An ordinance to authorise the construction of certain railways within the city of Baltimore, was returned from the second branch, endorsed will pass with the proposed amendments, which were twice read and concurred in.

Amendments proposed:

After the title of the bill insert the following preamble.

Whereas, it has always been the intention of this corporation to provide for the distribution of the trade coming upon the rail roads through-

out the whole of the city as improved, so far as it may be practicable; and whereas, the legislature have authorised and directed the Mayor and City Council to provide for the construction of rail ways throughout the city; and whereas, the Baltimore & Ohio rail road company have, through their President, expressed their disposition to "give every reasonable facility in their power to the extension of the trade of the Baltimore and Ohio rail road, along any line of branch rail way, which the city may authorise to be connected with their main stem, provided that such rail ways be so constructed as to afford the same economy and facility for travelling as the main line of the road, and in such manner as not to occasion additional cost or inconvenience to the company."

At the end of the 1st section, add, "or from Pratt street along Light street wharf to Lee street."

In the 4th section, 11th line, before the word "cost," insert "damages and".

A message was received from the second branch, proposing when the city council adjourn this evening it adjourn to Friday next, which was concurred in, and the second branch informed by message.

The second branch returned the resolution authorising the erection of a bridge across west Lexington street;

The report of the committee on markets;

The report of the committee on rail roads;

The resolution for repaving part of Pratt street;

The resolution authorising the mayor to borrow a certain sum of money—severally endorsed concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Ridgely, the resolution relative to flag stones was recommitted to the committee with instsuctions to make selections from the petitioners for flag stones as are in their opinion most needed, and report a resolution in their favour to the amount of $500.

The branch then adjourned until Friday afternoon.

By order,

THOS. PHENIX, *Clk.*

Friday, April 6, 1832.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, John I. Donaldson, Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs. Amos and Young.

Mr. Alricks from the committee delivered the following, which was read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in and sent to the Second Branch; the Second Branch returned the same endorsed concurred in.

The joint committee on Streets, to whom was referred the petition of Francis Barker and others, relative to Mulberry street, Report—that they do not deem it necessary to recommend a specific appropriation for the repairs of this street—if the repairs asked for are necessary, power is already vested in the Commissioners to make them; your committee therefore submit the subjoined resolution.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved by both Branches of the City Council, That the joint committee on Streets be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Francis Barker and others, relative to Mulberry street, and that the same be referred to the consideration of the City Commissioners.

Mr. Jenkins presented the memorial of the president and directors of the Baltimore Water Company, which was read and laid on the table.

The following communication was received from the Mayor, which was read and referred to the committee on Police.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
April 6th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First and Second Branches of the City Council—

I perceive by your proceedings as published, that you contemplate adjourning *sine die* this day—and also that the proposition to

make an appropriation for carrying into effect the ordinance relative to dogs, has been disapproved. That ordinance was made at a time of considerable excitement among our fellow citizens, viz: the 23d of August last, and contained an appropriation of one thousand dollars, to carry its provisions into effect. Upwards of six hundred dollars was expended last year, and although by the ordinance, dogs are prohibited from running at large from the first day of *June*, to the first day of *October in each year*, yet without an appropriation the ordinance must become a dead letter. I have thought it my duty to call your attention to this subject, in order to ascertain your determination upon it. If no appropriation is made, the ordinance had better be repealed, as its provisions cannot be carried into effect without considerable expense, and the appropriation contained in the bill was confined to the disbursements of the year of its enactment, which fact may have escaped your notice.

I am very respectfully, yours, &c.

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

Mr. Blair offered a bill entitled, A supplement to the ordinance entitled, An ordinance to authorise the construction of certain rail ways within the city, which was read a first and by special order the second time, passed and sent to the Second Branch; the Second Branch returned the same endorsed, will pass with the proposed amendment, which was twice read and concurred in.

Amendment proposed:

In the 14th line strike out "slope," and substitute "lay."

Mr. Blair offered the following, which was read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in and sent to the Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, to erect a bridge across west Lexington street, over a small water course at its intersection with Waudsbeck street; and that the Register pay the sum above appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: provided, that the said bridge shall not be erected until the obstructions in Lexington street, west of Cove street, shall have been removed, and the street actually opened to Gilmore street.

Mr. Jenkins reported a bill entitled, An ordinance to authorise a change in the grade of Calvert street, which was read a first and by special order the second time. Mr. Jones moved to strike out the 3d section, which was dissented from. The bill was then passed and sent to the Second Branch; the Second Branch returned the same endorsed, will pass.

Mr. Hubbard from the committee delivered the following, which was read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in

and sent to the Second Branch; the Second Branch returned the same endorsed, concurred in.

The committee on the Harbour, to whom was recommitted the report and resolution on the petition of Robert Taylor and others, Report—that they have had the subject under consideration and recommend the passage of the resolution reported to the First Branch 16th March, 1832.

April 6th, 1832.

WM. HUBBARD,
WM. H. HANSON,
LOUIS WILLIAM JENKINS, } *First Branch.*

JAMES BEATTY,
WILLIAM INLOES, } *Second Branch.*

Mr. Ridgely presented the petition of Leopold Donsee and others, for a lamp, which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Blair reported a bill entitled, An ordinance to provide for tunnelling a part of Chatsworth run, which was read a first and by special order the second time, and will not pass.

Ayes—Messrs. Browning, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, Alricks, E. Stansbury, Jenkins, Ridgely, Russell, Baxley, Blair, Dushane—11.

Nays—Messrs. President, Louderman, Hanson, Sanders, Myers, Roney, Morris, Moale, Munroe, Gardner, Jones—11.

The following communication was received from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
April 6th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council:

I have approved and signed, "An ordinance to prevent thepassage of the apparatus of any of the fire companies upon the foot pavements." "An ordinance to authorise the construction of certain rail ways within the city of Baltimore." "An ordinance to regulate rail road cars within the city of Baltimore." "An ordinance relating to altering the grade of William, Johnson, and Hughes's streets." "An ordinance to approve of an act of Assembly therein mentioned." "A supplement to the ordinance entitled, An ordinance for the inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes;" and "An ordinance to approve and carry into effect an act of Assembly therein mentioned." Also, "A resolution approving an act of Assembly therein mentioned." "A resolution authorising the City Commissioners to cut down and level William street." "A resolution relative to the obstructions in the Susquehanna river." "A resolution requesting the Mayor to do a certain act." "A resolution for filling up a certain sewer." "A resolution making appropriations for certain fire companies." "A resolution for repaving part of Pratt

street." "A resolution for erecting a wooden sewer." "A resolution directing the Register to do a certain duty." "A resolution authorising the erection of a bridge across west Lexington street;" and "A resolution authorising the Mayor to borrow a certain sum of money therein mentioned."

Respectfully, yours, &c.

WM. STEUART, Mayor.

The Second Branch returned the bill relative to dogs endorsed, will not pass.

The resolution on the petition of Wm. Patterson endorsed, concurred in; and

The resolution relative to Quarantine;

The resolution for repaving part of Baltimore street, east;

The resolution authorising the City Commissioners to repave part of Lerew's alley;

The resolution making appropriations for the purposes specified;

The resolution for committee on Education; severally endorsed, dissented from.

The resolution relative to shutting up Liberty street endorsed, concurred in.

The following were handed to the Mayor for approval:

The resolution directing the Register to do a certain duty;

The resolution for filling up a certain sewer;

The resolution authorising the erection of a bridge across west Lexington street;

The resolution for erecting a wooden sewer;

The resolution for repaving part of Pratt street;

The resolution making appropriations for certain fire companies;

The resolution authorising the Mayor to borrow a certain sum of money therein mentioned;

The resolution requesting the Mayor to do a certain act;

An ordinance to authorise the construction of certain rail ways within the city of Baltimore;

An ordinance to approve of an act of Assembly therein mentioned;

An ordinance relating to altering the grade of William, Johnson, and Hughes's streets;

A supplement to the ordinance entitled, An ordinance for the inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes;

An ordinance to regulate rail road cars within the city of Baltimore;

An ordinance to approve and carry into effect an act of Assembly therein mentioned.

A message was received from the Second Branch proposing the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the Mayor to inform him the Council was about to adjourn sine die, and to enquire if he has any further communication to make, and appointing on their part Mr. Grafton; this Branch assented, and appointed Messrs. Ridgely and Russell, of which the Second Branch were informed by message.

Mr. E. Stansbury offered the following, which was read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same endorsed, concurred in.

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the sum of five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, for the purpose of carrying into effect the ordinance relative to Dogs, approved 23d August, 1831.

Mr. Alricks from the committee delivered the following, which was read a first and by special order the second time, and dissented from.

The joint committee on Streets, to whom was recommitted the resolution relative to flag and stepping stones, and the resolution instructing them to select those most needed from among those mentioned in said resolution, so that the appropriation required for this purpose may not exceed five hundred dollars, respectfully Report—that the difficulty of complying with the above instruction, renders it necessary that they should propose some other mode of accomplishing the object of said instruction, they therefore recommend the adoption of the subjoined resolution.

T. P. ALRICKS,
JAMES BLAIR,
GEORGE GARDNER, } *First Branch.*

HENRY STOUFFER,
RICHARD BEVAN,
JOSHUA MOTT, } *Second Branch.*

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby authorised and directed to put down flag and stepping stones at such places designated in the resolution reported at the present session, by the committee on Streets on the 29th day of March, as they in their opinion deem most expedient: provided, the expense of the same does not exceed five hundred dollars; and they are hereby authorised to draw on the Register, with the approbation of the Mayor, for any sum not exceeding that amount—four hundred of this sum to be taken out of the appropriation to this object in the general appropriation bill of this year, and the balance out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

The Branch called up the resolution for flag and stepping stones,

originally offered by the committee on Streets, and after being read was dissented from.

Mr. Munroe offered the following, which was read a first and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Application having been made for the use of this room for the meetings of the committee of fifty, chosen yesterday at the Exchange by the citizens of Baltimore, to effect a change of the Constitution of the State, it is hereby *Resolved, by the First Branch of the City Council*, That said application be granted to the committee while in the discharge of the duties committed to its charge.

Mr. Hubbard moved to reconsider the vote on the resolution relative to flag stones, which was concurred in. On motion the Branch went into committee of the whole, Mr. Morris in the chair; after setting some time the committee rose and reported the following:

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby authorised and directed to put down flag and stepping stones at the places hereinafter designated, viz: Flag stones across south Charles street, at its northern and southern intersection with Lombard street; across Hanover street, at its northern intersection with Lombard street; across Harrison street, at the angle or elbow on this street; flag stones from the hay scales at Belle Air market northwardly to the pavement on the said market space; across Park street, north side Mulberry street.

Mr. E. Stansbury moved to postpone the subject indefinitely, which was concurred in by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. President, Louderman, Browning, J. E. Stansbury, Hubbard, E. Stansbury, Sanders, Myers, Morris, Munroe, Gardner, Ridgely, Russell, Blair—14.

Nays—Messrs. Hanson, Alricks, Roney, Moale, Jenkins, Baxley, Jones, Dushane—8.

A message was received from the Second Branch proposing when the City Council adjourn this evening it adjourn sine die, which was concurred in and the Second Branch informed by message.

On motion of Mr. Jenkins a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing, with their concurrence, that the Presidents of the two Branches be requested to sign the engrossed bills after the adjournment. The Second Branch concurred by message.

The resolution for erecting a bridge across Lexington street, was returned from the Second Branch endorsed, concurred in with the proposed amendment; which was twice read and concurred in.

Amendment proposed:

Strike out the 3 last lines and insert the following: *Resolved, &c. &c.* That the resolution, No. 91, passed 31st March, 1832, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Mr. Alricks offered the following, which was read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same endorsed, concurred in.

Resolved by both Branches of the City Council, That the joint committee on Streets be and they are hereby discharged from the further consideration of the subjects before them, and that the proposals for new paving during the last year, together with the communication of the Commissioners relative thereto; also, their communication relative to the sum paid for superintending repairs of paved streets; and also, the resolution and communication of the Commissioners relative to the manner of keeping a part of their accounts, be and the same are hereby referred to the consideration of the next annual session.

Mr. Ridgely offered the following, which was read a first and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

RESOLVED unanimously, by the First Branch of the City Council, That the thanks of this Branch be presented to John I. Donaldson, Esq. president thereof, for the dignified and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of the chair; and that a committee be appointed to communicate to him the contents of this resolution.

The chair appointed Messrs. Ridgely and Blair.

The branch then adjourned, *sine die*.

By order,

THOS. PHENIX, *Clk.*

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EXTRA SESSION.

Saturday, August 20, 1831.

Second Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to a summons from the Mayor—Present, P. Moore, Esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Schæffer.

A message was received from the First Branch, proposing the appointment of a joint committee to wait upon the Mayor, and inform him that the Councils are in session and ready to receive any communication that he may have to make, and appointing on their part Messrs. Ridgely and Hanson.

This branch informed them by message that they assented, and appointed Mr. Laurenson.

The following communication was received from the Mayor, and read:

BALTIMORE, August 20, 1831.

Gentlemen of the First and
Second Branches of the City Council:

I have been induced to convene you at this time, from the solicitation of a convention of our fellow-citizens, who are desirous of effectually preventing dogs going at large in our City, during the warm season of the year.

By reference to the existing ordinances upon that subject, you will perceive that all the power that has been delegated to me, has been exerted; and yet the evil is not eradicated.

I would therefore recommend to your consideration, the passage of such an ordinance, as you in your wisdom may deem expedient, authorising the compensating of persons for enforcing the proclamation and destroying dogs found running at large during the time they are prohibited, and that a sufficient sum be appropriated to be paid to such persons as may be selected for the purpose of enforcing the ordinances of the city, and proclamations, with energy and decision.

The Bailiffs are charged with the duty of enforcing the proclamations and ordinances of the city, but you are aware that they receive no compensation for that service; all their pay arises for attendance upon the the different Markets, &c. and is, in my opinion inadequate

to the duties they are required to perform. If the city expect good and efficient officers, they must compensate them liberally.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. STEUART, Mayor.

A message was received from the First Branch, proposing to refer the Mayor's communication and a memorial from sundry citizens relative to dogs, to a joint committee, and appointing on their part Messrs. Hanson, Thomas and Williamson.

This Branch assented, and appointed Messrs. Laurenson and Reaney.

A message was received from the First Branch, proposing to refer a memorial from the citizens of the Fourth Ward to the same Committee to whom the Mayor's communication was referred. This Branch informed them that they assented.

Mr. Moore submitted the following resolution, which was read the first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in:

RESOLVED, by the Second Branch of the City Council, That the Commissioners of Health and their Consulting Physician be directed forthwith, to inform this branch what number of cases of Hydrophobia have come under their knowledge, from the 1st May last, to the present date.

Aug. 20th, 1831.

A resolution making an appropriation for the payment of the diary of the City Councils at their late session, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

A bill entitled An additional supplement to the ordinance relative to Dogs, was received from the First Branch, which was read, and, on motion of Mr. Stouffer, 50 copies were ordered to be printed.

The Branch then adjourned until Monday next, at half past three o'clock.

By order,

THO. H. BELT, *Clk.*

Monday, August 22, 1831.

Second Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment,—Present, P. Moore, Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs. Schæffer, Grafton and Sewell.

A message was received from the First Branch, proposing to refer a communication from the Mayor, to the joint committee on ways and means. This Branch informed them that they assented.

A message was received from the First Branch, proposing to refer a memorial from Matthew Clark and others, to the joint committee on Health. This Branch informed them that they dissented, and proposed to refer the same to the Board of Health.

The Bill entitled An additional Supplement to an Ordinance, relative to Dogs, was read the second time. Mr. Moore proposed the following amendment: in 2nd Section, after the word "or" in second line, insert "such person or persons as may be authorised by the Mayor;" and in the 3rd and 4th lines strike out "48 hours" and insert "24 hours;" in the 3rd Section, second line, after the word "person," insert "authorised by the Mayor as aforesaid." Mr. Laurenson proposed, in the 3rd Section, 3rd line, after the word "shall," add on "delivery;" Mr. Moore proposed in the same Section, 3rd and 4th lines, after the word "received," strike out all that follows to the word "dog," and insert "one dollar," and in the 5th line after the word "dollars," strike out to the word "before," in 6th line, and in 8th line strike out "48" and insert "24."

5th Section, third line, after the word "any," insert "unmuzzled."

6th Section, 4th line, strike out "a sum not exceeding" and insert, "the sum of," and at the end of the Section add, "one half for the use of the informer, and the other half for the use of the City."

7th Section, first line, after the word "That," strike out that follows, and insert, "the sum of $1000, or so much thereof as may be deemed necessary by the Mayor, be and is hereby appropriated to carry this Ordinance into effect, the same to be paid out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury." The above amendments were severally concurred in. The yeas and nays being required on its final passage, appeared as follows:

Yeas.—Messrs. President, Inloes, Reaney, Mott, Laurenson, Lucas, Moore, Bevan,—8.

Nays.—Mr. Stouffer,—1.

Determined in the affirmative, and the Bill endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments," and returned to the First Branch.

A Resolution, making an appropriation for "Incidentals" was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

A Bill entitled a Supplement to An Ordinance, for the purposes therein mentioned, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first and by special order the second time, passed by the following vote and returned to the First Branch.

Yeas.—Messrs. Reaney, Laurenson, Lucas, Moore, Bevan,—5.

Nays.—Messrs. President, Inloes, Mott, Stouffer,—4.

A Message was received from the First Branch, proposing that when the City Council adjourn this evening they adjourn *sine die*, and proposing a joint committee to wait upon the Mayor to know if he has any further communication to make, and naming on their part Messrs. Young and Hubbard. This Branch informed them that they assented, and appointed Mr. Laurenson—who returning stated verbally that the Mayor had no further communication to make.

The Branch then adjourned *sine die*.

By order,

THO. H. BELT, *Clk.*

EXTRA SESSION.

Monday, Nov. 28, 1831.

Second Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to a summons from the Mayor—present, B. Schæffer, Esq. President pro tem. and all the members except Mr. P .Moore.

A message was received from the First Branch proposing the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the Mayor to inform him that the Councils are in session and prepared to receive any communication that he may have to make, and naming on their part Messrs. Young and Hanson—this branch informed them that they assented, and appointed Mr. Reany.

Mr. Stouffer from the committee of Elections, submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The Committee of Elections for the Second Branch of the City Council ask leave to report, that James Beatty, returned as a member to represent the Sixth Ward in this branch of the City Council, *vice* Philip Laurenson, esq. resigned, is qualified agreeably to the act of assembly passed on the subject of property qualification.

Nov. 28th, 1831.

HENRY STOUFFER,
F. LUCAS, Jr.

James Beatty, esq. member elect from the Sixth Ward, was then qualified and took his seat.

The following communication was received from the Mayor through the hands of the Register, and read:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

BALTIMORE, November 28th, 1831.

Gentlemen of the First and

Second Branches of the City Council.

I have been induced to convene you at this time, in consequence of the appropriation made at the last annual session, for lighting and watching the city, being found insufficient to pay the necessary and indispensable disbursements for that department of the City Police.

I also find that the accounts for lighting and watching the city, have been closed on the last day of November in each and every year—I would, therefore, respectfully suggest the expediency of making a sufficient appropriation for the remainder of this year, and hereafter have the accounts closed on the last day of December annually, for that department, as is now done for the general expenditures of the city.

I would likewise call your attention to the fact, that we have had one more election in the city this year than usual, (viz: an election of the Senate of Maryland;) the payment of the expenses of said election requires a small additional appropriation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

On motion by Mr. Stouffer, a message was sent to the First Branch proposing to refer the above communication from the Mayor to a joint committee, and appointing Messrs. Moore and Stouffer; the First Branch assented, and appointed Messrs. Donaldson, Young and Hubbard.

Mr. Moore, from the committee, submitted the following report, and a bill entitled A supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance making appropriations for watching and lighting the city.

The joint committee to whom was referred the Mayor's communication, report the annexed ordinance.

SAML. MOORE,
HENRY STOUFFER, } *Second Branch.*

JOHN I. DONALDSON,
M'C. YOUNG,
WM. HUBBARD, } *First Branch.*

The above report and the bill was read the first, and by special order the second time, passed, and sent to the First Branch, who returned the same endorsed "will pass."

A message was received from the First Branch informing this branch that they had appointed Messrs. Ridgely and Myers on the joint committee of Enrollment.

A message was sent to the First Branch proposing that when the City Council adjourn this evening, they adjourn *sine die*. The First Branch informed them that they assented.

The two branches met in convention, and after separating, this branch adjourned *sine die*.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clk*.

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Second Branch.

MONDAY, *January 2d*, 1832.

The Branch met pursuant to the provisions of the charter, being the first Monday in January. Present, P. Moore, Esq. President, and all the members except Mr. S. Moore.

A message was received from the First Branch, proposing the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the Mayor and inform him that the Councils are in session, and ready to receive any communication that he may have to make, and appointing on their part Messrs. Hubbard and Roney.

This Branch assented, and appointed Mr. Grafton.

Mr. Schæffer submitted the following resolution, which was read the first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the First Branch:

RESOLVED by both branches of the City Council, That the time of meeting shall be at 3 o'clock, P. M. during this session.

The First Branch returned the same, endorsed "concurred in with the proposed amendment."

Amendment proposed:

"Strike out 3, and insert half past 3."

The following Communication was received from the Mayor, and read:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
BALTIMORE, January 2nd, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First and
Second Branches of the City Council:

An all-wise Providence has afforded you another opportunity to assemble together in annual session, to take into consideration the general welfare of our city. It therefore becomes my duty, in conformity with the charter of the city, to direct your attention

to such subjects as may suggest themselves to my mind requiring your attention.

The health of the city has been unusually good throughout the preceding year. Notwithstanding the general vaccination that was ordered at the annual session, there have been a number of cases of small pox, owing to the continual influx of strangers to our city, and the refusal on the part of many individuals to become vaccinated, when requested by the Board of Health and Physicians. The Board has been actively and constantly engaged in endeavouring to eradicate the disease; they have not, however, been able to effect it entirely. I would therefore recommend that there should be an immediate vaccination throughout the city, under the direction of the Board of Health; and if means can be devised to induce every person not heretofore vaccinated, or inoculated, to permit the physician to vaccinate them, it would be advisable to enforce such a salutary preventive. Every physician within the city should also be required, under a penalty, to communicate to the Board of Health, within a limited period, every case of Small Pox that comes under his immediate knowledge, so that the provisions of the ordinances, providing for such cases, may be made to have their salutary influence.

In accordance with resolution No. 6, approved January 24th, 1831, I have effected an arrangement with Cumberland Dugan, Esq. for the repairs of Dugan's wharf; while the work was progressing, and after all the contracts were made for the repairs, I received the decision of the Chancellor of Maryland relative to said wharf, which is herewith submitted. It appears to me, that if the city be prohibited from collecting as much wharfage as will keep it in repair, the whole must go to ruin. The state of Maryland, as well as the city of Baltimore, is interested in the preservation of that dock, for it is in possession of from five to six hundred feet, fronting on Dugan's wharf. I would therefore recommend making application to the legislature of Maryland, for the grant of an authority to collect wharfage upon the public streets, fronting or binding on the water.

The Register of the City will hand you his summary for the past year, by which you will perceive, that although the collections have been proportionably better than they were the preceding year, yet the amount has been less, owing to the direct Tax having been reduced to 2 3-8, instead of 3 per cent, as it was in 1830. I am well aware that the cause of the reduction was the passage of a law at the last session of the Legislature of Maryland, restricting the Mayor and City Council to an amount less than their ordinary expenses, without making any provision for the magnificent Public Works the City of Baltimore is patronising. I would therefore recommend soliciting the repeal of that part of the law alluded to, believing that the city authorities of Baltimore will never increase the tax so as to render it oppressive to their fellow citizens.

The Commissioners appointed by the Executive of Maryland to

extend the limits of direct taxation within the City of Baltimore, have performed the duty assigned them, and have returned to the Register of the city a plot upon which is designated the extended limits as determined by them; some provision will be necessary by the Council, to enable the collector to extend his authority to collect the direct tax to the property included within the limits as extended, and beyond the line of direct taxation as heretofore designated.

Herewith is transmitted the Fifth Annual Report of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company. They have made extraordinary exertions in extending their Road the past season; on the first day of December last, the road was opened to the city of Frederick, a distance of *sixty miles*, on which occasion, such members of the City Council as could make it convenient, and myself, availed ourselves of the polite invitation of the Mayor and City Council of Frederick, to partake of a public dinner on that day, in the city of Frederick.—The cordial and polite manner in which we were received by the Mayor and City Council and citizens of Frederick, was extremely gratifying to us, and complimentary to our city.—I hope we will have an opportunity at no very distant day, to reciprocate their politeness. The President and Directors of this Company have, by permission granted at your Annual Session, extended a line of Rail Road down Pratt street, as far as Cheapside street, but were prevented from progressing further this season, in consequence of the severity of the weather.—They have made contracts and preparations for carrying the road as far as Market Space this winter.—To the extent they have already constructed the road, there appears to be no obstruction caused by the rails in the ordinary business of the street, but on the contrary, there are many who desire to have the Rail Road laid in streets for which the Council have not given permission.—To provide for such cases in future, I would recommend the passage of an Ordinance giving authority to the President and Directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, to lay down a single track, in any of the streets, lanes or alleys of the city, under certain conditions and restrictions, and thereby obviate the necessity of applying in each particular case for such permission. It will also be necessary to permit the Company to construct of *wood* instead of stone, that part of the road heretofore authorised, which lies between Stiles street, on President street, and the city property inclusive, in consequence of the ground having been recently made, and not sufficiently settled to receive stone rails, as required by the Ordinance authorising them to extend the road through the city.—An appropriation will also be required, to enable the City Commissioners to have President street filled up, sufficiently high to receive the rails, and also part of Wilkes street, so as to facilitate the travelling across President street, when the rails are laid on it, as required by Ordinance.

Herewith you will receive the fourth annual report of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail-road Company, by which you will perceive that they are progressing with their enterprise. Seven miles of the

road have been in operation for a considerable time for the transportation of passengers and merchandise. The President and Directors have availed themselves of the privilege given by ordinance to call on the city for the whole of the subscription heretofore made by the city to their company, having previously however complied with all the prerequisites of the ordinance. I have therefore paid over to them, the whole subscription of the city, to the amount of *Sixty Thousand Dollars*, in advance, they paying the interest upon the amount advanced, until the city shall be required in common with other stockholders to pay the same by instalments, as contemplated by ordinance.

The experience that we have obtained in laying the stone rails through our streets, must satisfy every mind, that a comparatively small appropriation, would have enabled the City Commissioners to reset the kirb-stones, and repave those parts of the streets which were left by the Rail-road company untouched, but requiring repaving. I would therefore recommend an annual appropriation for such cases, sufficient to enable the City Commissioners to make a thorough repair of such streets as the Rail-roads may be carried through hereafter.

The dilapidated state of the Draw-bridge connecting the City Block with Fell's Point, will require a large expenditure to repair it thoroughly; I would therefore recommend taking it away altogether, and substituting in lieu thereof, a *Pivot Bridge*, at the mouth of Jones' Falls, either at Alice-Anna street, or Lancaster street; if at the latter, then it will be proper to increase the width of that street, to the extent of the whole front of the public property; so as to render it ninety or one hundred feet wide. I would also recommend the closing up entirely of the docks originally contemplated through the city property, and conveying the water that now passes down Canal street, by means of a tunnel, into the City dock; and further, I would advise the filling up of the City Dock to the eastward of Canal street. To avoid the possibility of any contest, about the ownership of water rights, binding on said dock, and contiguous thereto, I would recommend soliciting the legislature to pass a law providing against any contingency of the kind that might occur. It would be well to purchase for the use of the city, the sunken lots, so as to entirely remove the probability of any disease arising from the situation of the property heretofore denominated the "Cove."

At the close of your last annual session, I took the liberty of calling your attention to the situation of *Water street*, near Jones' Falls; the obstructions are still remaining in the street, and the owners of property upon the street, east and west, have paid the full amount of damages required of them. If the city authorities do not make an exertion to complete what has been commenced, I cannot conceive how it is ever to be accomplished. I would therefore recommend attempting to bring about a compromise with the persons concerned, and at whose instance the impediments are permitted to remain, in such manner as may be deemed most advisable.

The Mud Machines have been actively and advantageously employed during the past year. The navigation of the harbour has been considerably improved, and in many parts the width of the channel has been increased. One of the machines has been employed in deepening the navigation at the south end of Washington street, Fell's Point; and much yet remains to be done in that vicinity to obtain the original depth of water :—If it were practicable to procure a place of deposit for the sediment in that neighbourhood, instead of scowing it round to the "Cove," as at present, considerable expense would be saved by the city.

In accordance with Resolution No. 62, approved April 21st, 1831, the presidents of the City Council and myself made an amicable arrangement with Gen. Wm. McDonald, by which he, his heirs or assigns, are permitted upon certain conditions, to occupy the south end of South street wharf, for ten years from the first instant, as by reference to the contract will more fully appear. The extension of the wharf, and the workmanship of the walling, and pavement, seem to be well, and permanently finished.

The enterprise in which many of our citizens are engaged, in regard to keeping our navigation open during the severest winter, by means of a *Steam Tow Boat*, merits, and I am sure it will meet every encouragement from your hands; there would, in such an event, seem to be nothing wanting to give us, even in the severest weather of winter, all the advantages contemplated by our Rail Roads; and in this particular, even more than was originally contemplated in behalf of the city. If required you surely will patronise the undertaking, as it will be a public benefit to our city, to keep the navigation open to the sea throughout the year.

The authority for renting the city Fish Houses expires on the 1st of May next—I would suggest the expediency of renting them for a longer period than one year, if sufficient inducement were offered.—The wharf attached to that property requires considerable repairs.

Considerable difficulty has arisen, and expense incurred at the Public Spring, corner of Charles and Camden streets, on account of the pipe that carries off the waste water becoming so obstructed as to prevent the water passing from the spring—I would suggest the expediency of authorising the Water Company to make such fixtures, as will enable the City Commissioners to clear out any future obstructions in the pipe, by turning a head of water on it, whenever it may in future occur.

The Springs at the intersection of Washington and Gough streets, have been collected, and secured, as required by Resolution No. 55, approved April 8th, 1831. The pipe had been laid as far as Market street, when the Commissioners found that the appropriation would not enable them to incur any further expenditure. It will be necessary to make an additional appropriation, so as to complete the work, as originally contemplated by the Council.

The Ordinances for the erection of Gas Lamps has been but partially executed, about one half of the number authorised, have been erected; and we suspended the completion of the whole number required by Ordinance, in consequence of the inability of the Gas Company to furnish a sufficiency of Gas until their lower Gasometer was completed, which will probably he the case in a few weeks; then the erection will be resumed, as contemplated by Ordinances.

The vigilance of our Fire Companies continue unabated, and their usefulness must be acknowledged by all, yet there are some irregularities among them, which should be corrected.—I allude particularly to the practice of running part of their apparatus on the foot pavements, to the great annoyance of the passengers on the streets, and to the injury of private property, by breaking and mutilating it.—They should be prohibited from running their apparatus on the foot pavements under severe penalties.

The old Alms House property was rented as authorised by you, until the 1st November last, when the authority ceased; I would suggest the propriety of authorising the renting that property from time to time, as may best promote the interests of the city.

I would respectfully call your attention to the practice of *selling* and shooting Crackers within the limits of our city.—I am satisfied myself that the only preventive will be to prohibit their sale within our city, under heavy penalties.—Those who shoot them off, are frequently too young to be aware of their pernicious consequences; or regardless of the evil resulting from its indulgence.

I would suggest for your consideration the expediency of building an Armory on the lot of ground owned by the city, on part of which the Belvidere street Watch House is erected; the construction of an Armory so contiguous to our City Police, would always render it secure. The Western Watch house is now located in a rented house; I would advise the purchase of a suitable lot of ground, and the building of an Armory over the Watch House for that district. You have authorised the Mayor to increase the number of Watchmen, whenever it may be found necessary, but you have made no provision for an increased number of Officers.—I would respectfully call your attention to that subject; as the limits of Direct Taxation have been increased, it is probable you may also require the number of Watchmen enlarged, in which case I am of opinion that the number of Lieutenants should be also increased to *four*, requiring two to be on duty every night. The Watch House in the Eastern District is owned by the city, and has an Armory over it, and my suggestion is, to make the other two Watch Houses, similar in this respect, to the Eastern.

The Trustees for the Poor of Baltimore City and County have presented their Annual Report, which is herewith submitted. The continued improvement in that establishment is highly creditable to the gentlemen who have the management of its concerns, and the excellent discipline that they have introduced, has tended greatly to the decrease

of expense. Their report will be examined by you with increased interest.

The City Commissioners, Port Wardens, Commissioners of Health, Consulting Physician, and Health Officer, have severally presented their Annual Reports; they are herewith submitted for your consideration. I will however take occasion to observe, that their respective duties have been performed with vigilance and alacrity, to my entire satisfaction, and highly beneficial to the great interests of the City.

The following statement taken from the books of the Register of the City, will serve to shew the amount of the city stock debt, at the close of the year 1831, viz:

Amount of 6 per cent stock, redeemable at the pleasure of the corporation, at any time after the 31st December, 1838,	$80,000 00
Amount of 5 per cent stock, redeemable at the pleasure of the corporation, at any time after 1st January, 1832, including $8,514 87 held by the Commissioners of Finance,	$306,037 88
N. B. Arrangements have been made, by which the above amount of five per cent stock will be paid off, and a similar amount issued, redeemable after 1st day of July, 1845.	
Amount of 5 per cent stock, redeemable 1st July, 1838, issued to meet the instalments on the city stock in the Baltimore and Ohio Rail-road Co., including the sum of $50,000 held by the Commissioners of Finance, as an operative fund,	$195,000 00
Amount of 5 per cent stock, redeemable 1st day of July, 1840, issued to meet the instalments, and advance on the city stock in the Baltimore and Ohio Rail-road Company, including $6,000 held by the Commissioners of Finance, as an operative fund,	$100,000 00
Total amount of City Stock debt, 31st Dec. 1831,	$681,037 88

The Register of the City is preparing, and will lay his accounts for the year 1831, before you, in the course of a day or two. They would have been prepared to accompany this, but for the accumulation of work in his office at this time, by the renewal of the Five per cent. Stock, and payment of the principal and interest upon the old stock, neither of which will admit of delay. You will find by the accounts, that there is a balance remaining in the hands of the Commissioners of Finance of one thousand twenty-two dollars and fourteen cents, and a balance of six thonsand six hundred and eighty-one dollars and sixty-five cents in the city treasury.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. STEUART, *Mayor.*

A message was received from the First Branch, proposing that the joint rules adopted at the last session be continued in force until new ones shall be adopted.

This Branch assented.

A message was received from the First Branch, proposing the appointment of a joint committee to whom to refer the Mayor's Communication, for the purpose of distributing the several subjects contained therein between the two branches, and naming on their part Messrs. Hubbard, Young and Jenkins.

This branch informed them that they assented, and appointed Messrs. Lucas and Stouffer.

A message was received from the First Branch, proposing to refer a communication from Charles F. Mayer, Esq. to a joint committee, and naming on their part Messrs. Jenkins, Hanson and Young.

This Branch informed them that they assented, and appointed Messrs. Lucas and Reaney.

The Branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, January 3, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, esq. President, and all the members except Mr. S. Moore.

A report and resolution distributing the several subjects contained in the Mayor's communication, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

A resolution for the appointment of certain joint committees, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

A message was received from the First Branch proposing to refer a report from the Visitors and Governors of the Jail to a joint committee, and naming on their part Messrs. Young, Jenkins and Hanson.

This branch informed them that they assented, and appointed Messrs. Moore and Grafton.

A report and resolution relative to a communication from C. F. Mayer, Esq. was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

The following message was received from the First Branch, and read:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
January 3d, 1832.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

In pursuance of a joint resolution, concurred in by both branches, we have appointed the following committees to meet those to be appointed by your branch.

On Ways and Means—Messrs. Donaldson, Young and Moale.

On the Harbour—Messrs. Hubbard, Hanson and Jenkins.

On Health—Messrs. Amos, Ridgely and Lauderman.

On the Alms House—Messrs. Jones, Baxley and Russell.

On Police—Messrs. E. Stansbury, Dushane and Roney.

On Lighting the City—Messrs. Ridgely, Gardiner and Lauderman.

On keeping open the Navigation—Messrs. Hubbard, Hanson and Jenkins.

On Rail Roads—Messrs. Donaldson, Hubbard and Young.

On Streets—Messrs. Alricks, Blair and Gardiner.

On Armories—Messrs. Munroe, Young and J. E. Stansbury.

On the Accounts of the City Commissioners and Port Wardens—Messrs. Myers, Sanders and Browning.

On the Register's Accounts—Messrs. Ridgely, Jones and Alricks.

On the Accounts of the Commissioners of Finance—Messrs. Donaldson, Young and Moale.

On the Accounts of the Commissioners of Health—Messrs. Blair, Dushane and Russell.

On Education—Messrs. Munroe, Jenkins and Amos.

On Claims—Messrs. Hanson, Moale and Young.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

This Branch informed them by message that they had made the following appointments to meet those appointed on the part of their branch.

STANDING JOINT COMMITTEES.

On Ways and Means—Messrs. Lucas and Moore.

On the Harbour—Messrs. Beatty and Inloes.

On Rail Roads—Messrs. Stouffer and Beatty.

On Health—Messrs. Reany and Grafton.

On Streets—Messrs. Stouffer, Bevan and Mott.

On Lighting the City—Messrs. Mott, Bevan and Sewell.

On the Alms House—Messrs. Schæffer and Moore.

On Police—Messrs. Moore and Reany.

SELECT JOINT COMMITTEES.

On Armories—Messrs. Moore and Inloes.

On keeping open the Navigation—Messrs. Beatty and Inloes.

On the Accounts of the Commissioners of Finance—Messrs. Lucas and Reany.

On the Accounts of the Register—Messrs. Beatty and Bevan.

On the Accounts of the City Commissioners and Port Wardens—Messrs. Moore and Mott.

On the Accounts of the Commissioners of Health—Messrs. Bevan and Sewell.

On Education—Messrs. Moore and Beatty.

On Claims—Messrs. Stouffer and Sewell.

COMMITTEES OF THE SECOND BRANCH.

On Public Fountains and Springs—Messrs. Moore, Sewell and Beatty.

On Renting the old Alms House—Messrs. Moore and Stouffer.

A message was received from the First Branch, proposing that when the City Council adjourn this evening they adjourn until Monday next.

This Branch assented, and informed the First Branch thereof by message.

The Branch then adjourned until Monday afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Monday, January 9. 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, esq. President, and all the members except Mr. S. Moore.

Mr. Stouffer submitted the following resolution, which was read, and on motion of Mr. Reany, ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved by both branches of the City Council of Baltimore, That the committee of Ways and Means be requested to take into their consideration the expediency of providing by ordinance forthwith, a general assessment law on all real and personal property, agreeable to the late division of wards, and to the extent of direct taxation, conformable to the late extension laid down by the Commissioners appointed by the Governor and Council of Maryland.

Also, to provide for a new system of taxation from sources other than real estate, conformable to the supplement to the act entitled "An act to erect Baltimore town, in Baltimore county, into a city, and incorporate the citizens thereof," passed December session, 1828, chapter 183, section 5.

And also to provide for a special assessment for the support of public schools, agreeable to the act of the General Assembly, passed December session, 1825, chapter 130.

A message was received from the First Branch, proposing the appointment of a joint committee on Bridges, and naming on their part Messrs. Dushane, Jones and Hanson—also proposing to refer a certain document to the joint committee on Education.

This branch informed them that they assented, and appointed Messrs. Mott and Inloes a joint committee on Bridges.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

In First Branch,
January 9th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch—

We propose with your concurrence the adoption of the following additional joint rules for the government of the two branches :

1. Either Branch may refer a memorial or bill to a joint committee, or instruct such committee to enquire into the expediency of a measure.

2. A joint committee may report to either branch.

3. All messages between the two branches shall be delivered by the Clerks, and not by the members. And all messages from the Mayor shall be announced in the same manner as messages between the two branches.

Strike out the words "shall be sent by a member and" in the first old rule, relative to the bearing of messages between the two branches.

By order,

TH. PHENIX, *Clerk.*

The above message was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and the First Branch so informed by message.

The Branch then adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, January 10. 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, esq. President, and all the members except Mr. S. Moore.

Mr. Mott presented a petition from Townsend Scott and others, relative to the pavement on Gay street, which was read and referred to the joint committee on Streets.

A resolution calling on the Managers of the House of Refuge appointed by the city, for certain information, and a resolution directing the joint committee on the Harbour to make certain enquiries, were received from the First Branch, which were read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

Mr. Stouffer presented a petition from Jacob Albert, and others, relative to the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, which was read, and on motion of Mr. Lucas, referred to the joint committee on Rail Roads.

A resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to correspond with the Senator and Delegates from this city, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

A message was received from the First Branch, announcing the appointment of Messrs Donaldson, Jenkins and Young on the joint committee of Correspondence with our Senator and Delegates in the General Assembly.

This branch appointed Messrs. Lucas and Moore, and so informed them by message.

A resolution authorising the Register to pay to the Port Wardens a certain sum for the benefit of the harbour, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in with the proposed amendment, and returned to the First Branch.

Amendment proposed:

After the word "necessary," in the 7th line, insert "not exceeding $4000."

The Branch then adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Wednesday· January 11. 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, esq. President, and all the members.

The resolution that the Committee of Ways and Means be requested to make certain enquiries relative to a new assessment, was read the second time. The yeas and nays being required on its passage, appeared as follows.

Yeas—Messrs. Bevan, Grafton, Stouffer, Sewell—4.

Nays—Messrs. President, Inloes, Reany, Mott, Schæffer, Beatty, Lucas, Moore—8.

Determined in the negative.

A report and resolution relative to the accounts of the City Commissioners and Port Wardens, and a resolution in favor of Henry Most, were received from the First Branch, which were read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

A message was received from the First Branch, proposing to refer a petition from R. B. Simpson and others, relative to the situation of Pennsylvania avenue, to a joint committee, and naming on their part Messrs. Blair, Hanson and Jenkins.

This branch informed them that they assented, and appointed Messrs. Stouffer and Reany.

A report and resolution making an appropriation for keeping open the navigation, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

The Branch then adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Thursday, January 12. 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, esq. President, and all the members.

A resolution was received from the First Branch, proposing the appointment of a joint committee to enquire into the expediency of establishing a Library, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in, with the proposed amendments, and returned to the First Branch.

Amendments proposed :

Strike out, "a select joint committee be appointed," and insert "the Committee of Ways and Means be directed." And at the conclusion, add "And that they be directed to enquire into and report what sum of money it will require to purchase the same."

Mr. Stouffer submitted the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the Register of the City furnish a copy of the proposals, issued by him for printing the ordinances of the Mayor and City Council, proceedings of the First and Second Branches, and such other printing as he was directed to contract for under the resolution passed at the January session, 1831—and furnish also a copy of the contracts made by him under the above resolution.

The Branch then adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Friday, January 13. 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, esq. President, and all the members except Mr. S. Moore.

A report and resolution on the Register's accounts was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

A message was received from the First Branch, proposing to go into convention on Monday next, for the election of a Register of the City for the next two years—also two Directors on the part of the city in the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Co., one in the Susquehanna Rail Road Co., and six Commissioners of Public Schools.

This branch informed them that they assented.

A message was sent to the First Branch proposing that when the City Council adjourn this evening, they adjourn until Monday next.

The First Branch informed them by message that they assented.

The Branch then adjourned until Monday afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Monday, January 16. 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, esq. President, and all the members.

A bill entitled An ordinance to provide for the compensation of the Mayor, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, passed, and returned to the First Branch.

A report and resolution of the joint committee on the Health Commissioners' accounts, and a report and resolution of the joint committee on the petition of William Ealy, relative to the removal of a frame building, were received from the First Branch, which were read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

Mr. Mott presented a petition from Luke Tiernan and others relative to the pavement in Light street; which was read and referred to the joint committee on Streets.

A message was received from the First Branch, proposing a committee of conference on the amendments of the resolution relative to establishing a Library, and naming on their part Messrs. Jenkins and Alricks.

This Branch informed them that they assented, and appointed Messrs. Lucas and Moore.

The two Branches met in convention, and after separating, this branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, January 17. 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, esq. President, and all the members.

A message was received from the First Branch proposing to refer a petition from John Lynch and others relative to the erection of a new Market House to a joint committee, and naming on their part Messrs. Jones, Dushane and Myers.

This branch informed them by message that they assented, and appointed Messrs. Reaney, Grafton and Mott.

A report and resolution on the subject of an application by the Managers of the House of Refuge to the General Assembly, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, unanimously concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

A bill entitled A further supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance to preserve the health of the city of Baltimore, was received from the First Branch; which was read a first, and by special order the second time, passed, and returned to the First Branch.

A report and resolution on the petition of Adams & Kettlewell and others, for the removal of a fire plug, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, dissented from by the following vote, and returned to the First Branch.

Yeas—Messrs. Inloes, Reaney, Mott, Schæffer—4.

Nays—Messrs. President, Beatty, Lucas, Moore, Bevan, Grafton, Stouffer, Sewell—8.

A report and resolution on the petition of Jas. Biays to remove a frame building; a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee on the subject of a library; and a report and resolution on the petition of J. Cunningham, for permission to remove a frame building, were received from the First Branch, which were severally read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

A petition from Samuel House and others, relative to the Charles street Spring, was received from the First Branch, which was read and referred to the committee on Fountains.

The Branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, January 18. 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Sewell.

A report and resolution on the petition of Maybury Parks for permission to alter a frame building, was received from the First Branch, which was read, and on motion, laid on the table.

A resolution certifying the accounts of the Warden of the jail of Baltimore county, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

A message was received from the First Branch proposing a committee of conference on the resolution relative to the removal of a fire plug, and naming on their part Messrs. Sanders, Roney and Hanson—also proposing to refer a petition from C. Gelbach and others, relative to opening a well, to a joint committee, and naming on their part Messrs. Sanders, Gardner and Alricks. This branch assented, and appointed on the first committee Messrs. Moore and Stouffer, and on the last, Messrs. Mott and Reaney.

The Branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

TH H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Thursday, January 19, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, esq. President, and all the members.

The report and resolution on the petition of Maybury Parks for permission to alter a frame building, was read the second time, dissented from by the following vote, and returned to the First Branch.

Yeas—Messrs. President, Inloes, Reaney, Bevan—4.

Nays—Messrs. Mott, Schæffer, Beatty, Lucas, Moore, Grafton, Stouffer, Sewell—8.

A message was received from the First Branch proposing to refer a communication from John Scott and R. Johnson, esqs. to the joint committee on Ways and Means.

This Branch informed them that they assented.

A resolution discharging the joint committee on Police on the petition of John Murray, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

Mr. Moore presented a communication from Samuel House relative to a lot of ground near the Charles street spring; which was read, and on motion referred to the committee on Springs.

Mr. Inloes submitted the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That so much of the City Commissioners' report as relates to the springs at the intersection of Washington and Gough streets, be referred to the committee on Public Fountains and Springs.

The Branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Friday, January 20, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, esq. President, and all the members.

Mr. Mott presented a petition from George M. Gill and others, relative to walling Harford Run; which was read and referred to the joint committee on Streets.

A message was received from the First Branch stating that they have appointed Messrs. Jones, Donaldson and Young the committee of that Branch on the resolution relative to the obstructions on the Susquehanna river; also proposing a committee of conference on the petition of Maybury Parks, and naming on their part Messrs. Jones, E. Stansbury and Myers.

This Branch informed them that they had appointed on the first committee Messrs. Moore and Beatty, and on the last Messrs. Stouffer and Schæffer.

A bill entitled "A further supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance to provide for the prevention and extinguishment of fires," was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time. Mr. Moore proposed the following amendment as an additional section.

"*And be it enacted and ordained*, That this ordinance shall not take effect unless approved of by the City Council at their next annual session."

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows.

Yeas—Messrs. Inloes, Moore, Stouffer, Sewell—4.

Nays—Messrs. President, Reaney, Mott, Schæffer, Beatty, Lucas, Sevan, Grafton—8.

Determined in the negative.

The question being taken by yeas and nays on the passage of the bill, resulted as follows.

Yeas—Messrs. President, Reaney, Mott, Schæffer, Beatty, Lucas, Sevan, Grafton—8.

Nays—Messrs. Inloes, Moore, Stouffer, Sewell—4.

Determined in the affirmative, and the bill endorsed "will pass," and returned to the First Branch.

A resolution for disposing of the property purchased for the House of Industry;—a memorial to the Legislature of Maryland, and a report and resolution on the petition of Robt. Howard, were received from the First Branch, which were severally read the first, and by special order a second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

A message was received from the First Branch proposing that the memorial to the Legislature relative to the House of Refuge be signed by the Mayor and members of the two branches, and forwarded by a committee to Annapolis.

This Branch informed them that they assented.

Mr. Mott presented a petition from George M. Gill and others relative to an additional lamp in Old Town, which was read and referred to the joint committee on Lighting the City.

A message was sent to the First Branch proposing that when the City Council adjourn this evening they adjourn until Monday next.—The First Branch assented.

The Branch then adjourned until Monday afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Monday, January 23, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, esq. President, and all the members.

A resolution for filing in the City Commissioners' office petitions relative to the removal of frame buildings;

A resolution for appointing a joint committee to enquire into the obstructions on the Susquehanna river;

A resolution discharging the committee on Health from duties therein specified;

A resolution instructing the committee of Correspondence to request the Senator and Delegates from the city to procure the passage of a law that in future no Chemical Laboratory shall be erected within the limits of the city; and

An additional joint rule for the government of the two branches; Were received from the First Branch, which were severally read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

A bill entitled An ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the repairs of highways and bridges, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, passed and returned to the First Branch.

Mr. Moore submitted the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Health be requested to enquire into the expediency of dividing the city into four sections, and of providing a place *in each* section, where the night carts assigned to each shall deposite their loads.

A bill entitled An additional supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance providing for the appointment and prescribing the duties of the Counsel of the city of Baltimore, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, passed, and returned to the First Branch.

A message was received from the First Branch, informing this branch that they had appointed Messrs. Donaldson, Jenkins and Hanson a committee to proceed to Annapolis with the memorial to the legislature of Maryland.

This branch informed them that they had appointed Mr. Grafton.

The Branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, January 24, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, esq. President, and all the members except Messrs. S. Moore and Grafton.

A resolution from the First Branch instructing the committee on the Alms House to make certain enquiries, was read a first, and by special order a second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

The report of the joint committee on the petition of C. Gelbach and others, accompanied by a resolution, was received from the First Branch, read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

Mr. Reaney offered a resolution instructing the joint committee on Streets to make certain enquiries, which was read a first, and by special order a second time, concurred in, and sent to the First Branch.

The Branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

14 TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, January 25, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, esq President, and all the members except Mr. Grafton.

The report of the committee on the petition of Edward Chaisty, with the accompanying resolution, was read a first, and by special order the second time, dissented from, and returned to the First Branch.

The report of the committee on the petition of Shields Rice, with the accompauying resolution, was read a first, and by special order a second time, dissented from, and returned to the First Branch.

A message was received from the First Branch proposing to recommit the report and resolution for repairing the Long Bridge over Gwynn's Falls, to the committee who reported the same, with certain instructions. This branch assented, and informed the First Branch thereof by message.

The resolution instructing the joint committee on Streets to make certain inquiries, was returned from the First Branch, endorsed "concurred in.

Mr. Moore offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted.

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council, That the City Commissioners furnish this branch with a statement of the several paved streets which were repaired during the years 1830 and 31, designating the ward in which each street is located, and the amount expended on each.

The Branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

15 TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Thursday, January 26, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Grafton.

Mr. Mott presented the petition of Amos Loney and others, which was read and referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Inloes and Stouffer.

Mr. Stouffer presented the petition of Adam Welsh; which was read and referred to the joint committee on Streets.

A resolution was received from the First Branch for a joint committee on so much of the Mayor's annual communication as relates to the opening of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road between the cities of Baltimore and Frederick, which was read a first, and by special order a second time, and assented to.

Ayes—Messrs. President, Inloes, Reaney, Mott, Schæffer, Lucas, Moore, Bevan—8.

Noes—Messrs. Beatty, Stouffer, Sewell—3.

A resolution was received from the First Branch for a joint committee to make certain specified enquiries in relation to Jones' Falls and Harford Run, which was read a first, and by special order a second time, and concurred in.

A message was received from the First Branch requesting this branch to reconsider and recede from its dissent to the resolution reported by the committee on the petition of Shields Rice. This branch dissented.

The Branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Friday, January 27, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, esq. President, and all the members.

A message was received from the First Branch stating that they had appointed Messrs. Hubbard, Munroe and Jenkins the committee on the enquiries relative to Jones' Falls, and Messrs. Hubbard, Ridgely and Jones on the resolution relative to the opening of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road between the cities of Baltimore and Frederick.

This Branch informed them that they had appointed Messrs. Stouffer, Beatty, Reaney and Inloes on the first, and Messrs. Moore, Reaney and Mott on the last committee.

Mr. Lucas submitted a bill entitled A further supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance to provide for the prevention and extinguishment of fires, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and rejected by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. Schæffer, Lucas, Stouffer—3.

Nays—Messrs. President, Inloes, Reaney, Mott, Beatty, Moore, Bevan, Sewell—8.

A message was received from the First Branch, proposing that when the City Council adjourn this evening, they adjourn until Monday next. This Branch assented.

The Branch then adjourned until Monday afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

17 TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Monday, January 30, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, esq. President, and all the members.

Mr. Stouffer presented the petition of George Peters and Luke Tiernan, which was read and referred to the joint committee on Streets.

A communication was received from the City Commissioners—which was read and referred to the joint committee on Streets.

A report and resolution relative to the Long Bridge over Gwynn's Falls, was received from the First Branch, read a first, and by special order a second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

An ordinance to provide for the payment of sundry expenses of the City Court of Baltimore, and of the City Poor in the poor house of Baltimore City and County, was received from the First Branch, read a first, and by special order a second time, passed and returned to the First Branch.

A resolution was received from the First Branch for appointing a joint commtttee to co-operate with the ward committees in making arrangements to celebrate the centennary anniversary of the birth day of Washington; which was read a first, and by special order a second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

The Branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

18 TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, January 31, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, esq. President, and all the members.

Mr. Beatty presented the memorial of Bloch & Herr, and others; which was read, and so much thereof as relates to footways was referred to the joint committee on Streets, and so much thereof as relates to the landing of wood, &c. on Bowly's wharf, was referred to the joint committee on the Harbour.

A message was received from the First Branch informing this branch that Messrs. E. Stansbury, Jones, Jenkins, Ridgely and Hanson had been appointed on the part of the First Branch on the joint committee relative to the anniversary of the birth day of Washington. This branch on their part appointed Messrs. Moore, Reaney, Inloes, Grafton and Sewell.

A bill entitled A further supplement to an ordinance to preserve the health of the city of Baltimore, &c. was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order a second time, and on motion by Mr. Moore, was referred to the joint committee on Health, with instructions to bring in an ordinance embracing every subject and regulation which may tend to promote vaccination in the city, and repealing each and every ordinance or part of ordinance relating to vaccination now in force.

A bill was received from the First Branch entitled An additional supplement to an ordinance to appoint City Commissioners, &c. which was read a first, and by special order a second time, and will not pass.

Mr. Moore offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Streets be requested to examine the manner in which the City Commissioners keep the account for repairs of paved streets, and whether it would not be advisable that said account be kept in such form as would shew the amount expended for repairs on each street, and in each ward—and also if the expenditure of the annual appropriation for repairs of paved streets by said Commissioners as now practised, cannot be judiciously changed with a view to lessen said appropriation.

The Branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, February 1, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, esq. President, and all the members.

Mr. Beatty presented a petition from Hopkins, Brothers and others, asking permission to construct a rail road across Pratt street, at its intersection with Hollingsworth street, &c.—and a petition from Benj. Ellicott and others for the same permission across Pratt street, near its intersection with Ellicott street—which were read and referred to the joint committee on Rail Roads.

Mr. Mott presented a petition from Joshua Turner and others for a gas light on Ensor street; which was read and referred to the joint committee on lighting the city.

A bill entitled A further supplement to an ordinance supplementary to an ordinance to preserve the health of the city of Baltimore, &c. was read the second time, passed, and returned to the First Branch.

Mr. Mott submitted the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the First Branch.

Resolved by both branches of the City Council, That a joint committee be appointed to ascertain from John Murray for what he will dispose of his lot of ground at the intersection of Monument, Aisquith and Gay streets, to the corporation.

A report and resolution from the committee of Ways and Means, was received from the First Branch, which was read and laid on the table.

The Branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

 TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Thursday, February 2, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, B. Schæffer, Esq. President pro tem. and all the members except Mr. P. Moore.

A resolution discharging the committee on Streets from further considering the propriety of repaving East street, and a resolution relative to Conway street, were received from the First Branch, which were read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

A resolution permitting Charles Boston to remove a frame bnilding, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and dissented from, and returned to the First Branch.

The report and resolution from the joint committee on Ways and Means, on the Mayor's annual communication, was read the second time, concurred in with the following amendments, as submitted by Mr. Moore, and returned to the First Branch.

Amendments proposed :

After the word "That," in the 2d line, strike out all that follows, and substitute the following:

"That the Senator and Delegates from this city be requested to obtain an act of assembly explanatory of the 3d sec. of an act passed at December session, 1830, entitled "An additional act relating to the city of Baltimore," so that the following taxes shall not be embraced within the scope of said section, viz. City Poor Tax, City Court Tax, School Tax, County Tax for city purposes, Paving Tax, and interest on Rail Road stocks, giving thereby to the corporation of Baltimore, power to levy and raise in any one year from what is known as the *direct tax*, the sum of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars, if necessary.

Resolved, &c. That the Mayor be requested to forward to the Senator and Delegates from this city, a copy of these resolutions.

A message was received from the First Branch proposing that when the City Council adjourn this evening, they adjourn until Monday next. This branch assented.

The Branch then adjourned until Monday afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

 TH. H. BELT, *Clerk*

Monday, February 6, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs. Grafton and Sewell.

The Branch remained in session until half past 5 o'clock, and no business having been received from the First Branch, they adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

22 TH. H. BELT, *Clerk*

Tuesday, February 7, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq. President, and all the members.

A report and resolution on the petition of Joseph Todhunter and others, relative to repaving Sharp street, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

A message was received from the First Branch, proposing to refer a petition from B. C. Ross and others relative to Jones' Falls, to a joint committee, and naming on their part Messrs. Roney, Dushane and Hubbard—also proposing that this Branch reconsider and recede from their dissent to the resolution in favor of Charles Boston to remove a frame building.

This Branch informed them that they dissented to the reference of the petition, and proposed to refer the same to the joint committee on the Harbour; and that they adhered to their dissent to the resolution in favor of Charles Boston.

A report and resolution from the committee of Conference on the petition of Maybury Parks, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

Mr. Stouffer presented a petition from Basil S. Elder and others relative to repaving Dutch alley, which was read, and on motion, referred to the joint committee on Streets.

The resolution for a joint committee to enquire into the expediency of purchasing a lot of ground from John Murray, was returned from the First Branch, endorsed "concurred in."

This branch appointed on said committee, Messrs. Mott and Stouffer, and so informed them by message. The First Branch appointed Messrs. Sanders, Alricks and Roney.

A message was received from the First Branch proposing to refer a communication from the Mayor, and the accompanying documents, to the joint committee on Ways and Means.

This Branch informed them that they assented.

The Branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, February 8, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, B. Schæffer, Esq. President pro. tem. and all the members except Mr. P. Moore.

Mr. Moore submitted the following report and resolution, which was read and laid on the table.

The committee on Public Fountains and Springs, to whom was referred so much of the Mayor's annual communication as relates to the springs at the intersection of Washington and Gough streets, and a resolution referring so much of the City Commissioners' annual report as relates to said springs, have had the subject under consideration, and beg leave to report by resolution.

Baltimore, 7th Feb. 1832.

SAMUEL MOORE,
JAMES BEATTY,
THOMAS SEWELL.

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby directed to convey the springs which have been secured at the intersection of Washington and Gough streets, to the south end of Fell's Point market house, agreeably to resolution No. 55, and approved 8th April, 1831. And said Commissioners are authorised to draw on the Register, with the approbation of the Mayor, for the sum of thirteen hundred and fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to complete the same.

Mr. Stouffer presented a petition from George Baxley and others, relative to Pine street, which was read, and on motion referred to the joint committee on Streets.

A resolution relative to inviting the Corporation of Frederick city and others to join in the celebration of the Anniversary of the birth of Washington, was received from the First Branch.

Mr. Lucas offered an amendment making an appropriation of $1000 for the payment of the expense thereof.

Mr. Beatty offered the following amendment, which was seconded by Mr. Moore.

"And that the Register of the City be and he is hereby authorised to defray the expense thereof out of the per diem of the members of both branches of the City Council."

On motion of Mr. Stouffer, the Branch adjourned until half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Thursday, February 9, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, B. Schæffer, Esq. President pro. tem. and all the members except Mr. P. Moore.

The report and resolution relative to the springs at the intersection of Washington and Gough streets, was read the second time, concurred in, and sent to the First Branch.

A report and resolution permitting Wm. Eden to remove a brick slaughter house, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

The resolution for inviting the corporate authorities of Frederick city, &c. to a public celebration on the 22d inst. was read the second time. The yeas and nays being required on the amendment submitted by Mr. Beatty, appeared as follows;

Yeas—Messrs. Inloes, Reaney, Beatty, Moore, Bevan, Grafton—6.

Nays—Messrs. President, Mott, Lucas, Stouffer, Sewell—5.

Concurred in.

The yeas and nays being called on the passage of the resolution as amended, appeared as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Inloes, Reaney, Beatty, Moore, Bevan, Grafton—6.

Nays—Messrs. President, Mott, Lucas, Stouffer, Sewell—5.

A communication from J. I. Cohen, Jr. Chairman of the general committee for celebrating the birth day of Washington, was received from the First Branch, which was read and referred to the joint committee on that subject.

The Branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Friday, February 10, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq. President, and all the members.

A report and resolution from the committee of Conference relative to the petition of Adams and Kettlewell, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

A report and resolution of the joint committee relative to the anniversary celebration, was received from the First Branch, which was read and laid on the table.

A bill entitled a supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance authorising the appointment of watchmen for the western district, was received from the First Branch, which was read and laid on the table.

The report and resolution from the joint committee on Ways and Means, was returned from the First Branch, with the following additional amendments.

Amendments proposed :

1st. In the second line of the amendment of the Second Branch, as printed in the Journal, strike out the word "section" and insert these words: "and fourth sections."

2d. Strike out in the 5th line the word "said" and insert these words: "the third."

3d. Insert after the words "paving tax," the words "pump tax; specific tax on horses and carriages; road and bridge tax."

4th. Insert after the word "necessary" in the tenth line, these words: "and that the debt contracted by the city on account of the subscriptions to the Baltimore and Ohio, and the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Roads be excluded from the restriction contained in the fourth section of said act."

5th. Strike out "on Rail Road Stocks," in the 7th line, and insert "on such part of the stock debt of the city that may have been or may hereafter be created for the payment of instalments on the city's subscription to the capital stock of the Baltimore and Ohio, and Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Companies."

The above amendments were read the first, and by special order the second time. The third section was concurred in, and the others rejected by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Lucas, Grafton—2.

Nays—Messrs. President, Inloes, Reaney, Mott, Schæffer, Beatty, Moore, Bevan, Stouffer, Sewell—10.

The resolution as amended was concurred in and returned to the First Branch.

A report and resolution of the joint committee on the Alms House, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in with the proposed amendment, and returned to the First Branch.

Amendment proposed:

Strike out the following—

"And that this subject be referred to the special attention of the Committee from the Council now in attendance at Annapolis."

A resolution instructing the Register to print certain documents—and

A report and resolution from the committee of Ways and Means relative to disposing of certain property belonging to the Corporation—were received from the First Branch, which were read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

A message was received from the First Branch, proposing that when the City Council adjourn this evening they adjourn until Monday next—and proposing that this Branch reconsider and recede from their amendments to the resolution for inviting the Corporation of Frederick to a public celebration on the 22d inst.

This Branch informed them that they consented to the adjournment, but adhered to the amendments on said resolution.

Mr. Moore submitted the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the First Branch.

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register be, and he is hereby authorised, with the approbation of the Mayor, to pay out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the order of Jacob I. Cohen, Jr. Esq. Chairman of the Ward and Corporation delegates assembled for the purpose of making arrangements to celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of the birth day of the illustrious Father of his Country, George Washington.

The Branch then adjourned until Monday afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Monday, February 13, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq. President, and all the members.

Mr. Inloes submitted the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the First Branch.

Resolved by both branches of the City Council, That the joint committee on Streets be instructed to enquire into the expediency of repaving Wilk street, from the east side of Apple alley to the west side of Market street, Fell's Point.

The report and resolution of the joint committee relative to the anniversary celebration, was read the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

A message was received from the First Branch proposing a committee of Conference on the resolution relative to inviting the corporate authorities of Frederick city to a public celebration on the 22d inst. and naming on their part Messrs. Blair, Young and Alricks.

This branch informed them that they assented, and appointed Messrs. Moore, Reaney and Stouffer.

A message was received from the First Branch, proposing to refer a petition from Robert Howard and others relative to opening Pleasant street, to a select joint committee, and naming on their part Messrs. Sanders, Myers and Dushane.

This branch assented, and appointed Messrs. Stouffer and Beatty.

Mr. Reaney from the committee, submitted the following report, and a bill entitled "A further supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance to preserve the health of the city of Baltimore, and for the due performance of quarantine at the port of Baltimore," which was read and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Health to whom was recommitted the bill entitled An ordinance supplementary to an ordinance to preserve the health of the city, &c. with instructions to bring in a bill embracing every subject and regulation which may tend to promote vaccination in the city, and repealing each and every ordinance or parts of ordi-

nances relating to vaccination now in force, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report the following bill.

Feb. 13, 1832.

Respectfully submitted.

CORBIN AMOS,
NOAH RIDGELY,
HENRY R. LOUDERMAN, } *First Branch.*

WM. REANEY,
MARK GRAFTON, } *Second Branch.*

The bill entitled A supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance authorising the appointment of watchmen, was read the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

A report and resolution from the committee of Ways and Means relative to Dugan's and M'Elderry's wharves, was received from the First Branch, which was read. Mr. Moore submitted the following amendment as a substitute, which was read:

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Senator and Delegates in the Legislature from the city of Baltimore be requested to oppose the memorial of John M'Kim, Jr. and others respecting Dugan's and M'Elderry's wharves.

Resolved, &c. That the Mayor be requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to the Senators and Delegates aforesaid.

A resolution relative to closing the taxes for the year 1828, and a bill to provide for certain expenses for the year 1831, &c. were received from the First Branch, which were read and laid on the table.

The Branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, February 14, 1832.

Second Branch.

h branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, resident, and all the members.

essage was received from the First Branch stating that they ied to the amendments of this branch on the resolution reported committee of Ways and Means on the Mayor's annual commun, and proposing a committee of conference. Committee namtheir part, Messrs. Young, Donaldson and Monroe.

ls branch assented, and appointed Messrs. Moore, Stouffer and t.

l: report and resolution relative to Dugan's and M'Elderry's es, was read the second time, concurred in with the amendt as submitted by Mr. Moore, and returned to the First Branch.

ill entitled An ordinance relating to paving, was received from rst Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the se- lime, passed and returned to the First Branch.

eport and resolution from the committee of conference, making propriation for the centennial anniversary, was received from rst Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the se- time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

le resolution for closing the taxes of 1828, was read the second concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

le bill entitled A further supplement to an ordinance entitled An lance to preserve the health of the city of Baltimore, was read the d time, passed, and sent to the First Branch.

message was received from the First Branch, informing this h that they had appointed Messrs. Morris, Hubbard, Young, nins and Monroe on the resolution for inviting the corporate auties of Frederick to a public celebration on the 22d inst.

his branch informed them that they had appointed Messrs. re, Grafton and Inloes.

message was received from the First Branch proposing to refer tition from Nich. Smith and others relative to a bridge over Jones'

Falls, to a select joint committee, and naming on their part M
Sanders. Jones and E. Stansbury.

This branch assented, and appointed Messrs. Stouffer, Moo
Reaney.

A report and resolution relative to increasing the number o
Bailiffs, &c. was received from the First Branch, which was
first, and by special order the second time, concurred in and re
to the First Branch.

The Branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half
o'clock.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, C

Wednesday, February 15, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq. President, and all the members.

The bill entitled A further supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance to preserve the health of the city of Baltimore, was returned from the First Branch, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendment."

Amendment proposed:

Strike out the word "immediate," in the tenth line of the 3d section.

Which amendment was concurred in.

Mr. Moore submitted the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

In Second Branch, 15th Feb. 1832.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Health be requested to furnish this branch with a statement of the number of persons employed by them under each Superintendant of Streets in scraping the streets; the wages allowed to them; and whether said persons are employed by the day, month or year. Also the number of carts allotted to each superintendant to remove the dirt when collected, the price paid for each cart, and whether engaged by the day, month or year. Also the amount expended in each superintendant's district out of the appropriations made for cleansing the streets in 1831; also the amount received for street dirt or manure sold in 1831.

A resolution for disposing of the city's property on Holliday street was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

Mr. Inloes submitted the following report and resolution, which was read a first and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Amos Loney and others, take leave to report, that they have examined the road mentioned in said petition, and believe that it requires considerable

repairs; but they are also of opinion that the City Commissioners have sufficient powers to remedy the evil complained of; and as your committee have no doubt of the disposition of the Commissioners to afford relief in the premises, they submit the annexed resolution.

WM. INLOES,
HENRY STOUFFER.

February 15*th*, 1832.

Resolved, That the petition of Amos Loney and others in relation to "Loney lane," be referred to the favourable consideration of the City Commissioners, and that the committee on that subject be discharged.

The Branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk*.

Thursday, February 16, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Grafton.

A report and resolution from the joint committee relative to the opening of Pleasant street, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

Mr. Inloes submitted the following resolution, which was read the first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Streets be instructed to enquire into the expediency of placing flag stones across Fleet, on the east side of Ann street; flag stones across Lancaster, on the east side of Market street, and flag-stones across Argyle alley, on the north side of Lancaster street.

Mr. Stouffer presented a petition from George Warner, Jr. and others, relative to Columbia street; which was read, and on motion referred to the joint committee on Bridges.

The bill entitled A further supplement to on ordinance entitled An ordinance to preserve the health of the city of Baltimore, was handed to the Mayor for approval.

A resolution for a joint committee to make certain enquiries relative to free blacks, was received from the First Branch and read.

A message was received from the First Branch, proposing that when the City Council adjourn this evening, they adjourn until Monday next. This Branch assented.

The Branch then adjourned until Monday afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Monday, February 20, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, B. Schæffer, Esq. President pro tem. and all the members except Mr. P. Moore.

Mr. Schæffer presented a petition from Nicholas Cornelius relative to a nuisance, which was read, and on motion of Mr. Grafton, referred to the joint committee on Health.

Mr. Mott presented a petition from John Barnhart and others relative to the spring near the Penitentiary, which was read, and on motion by Mr. Lucas, referred to the committee on Fountains.

The following communication was received from the Mayor and read:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
February 20th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch of the City Council.

I have approved and signed "An ordinance entitled A further supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance to preserve the health of the city of Baltimore, and for the due performance of quarantine at the port of Baltimore," which originated in your branch.

Respectfully, yours, &c.

WM. STEUART, Mayor.

The resolution that the joint committee on Streets enquire into the expediency of repaving Wilke street, was returned from the First Branch, endorsed concurred in.

The resolution appropriating $650 for the celebration of the 22d inst. was returned from the First Branch, endorsed "dissented from."

In conformity with the resolution submitted by Mr. Moore on the 15th inst. calling for certain information from the Board of Health, a communication was received and read.

The Branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, February 21, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq. President and all the members.

Mr Moore from the committee of arrangement on the resolution inviting the corporate authorities of Frederick to a public celebration on the 22d inst. submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in.

That the members of the two branches of the City Council convene in the Chamber of the First Branch at 4 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon; That after having assembled, the President of the First Branch to take the chair—That a committee consisting of Col. Saml. Moore and Mr. Grafton from the Second Branch, and Messrs. Munroe, Jenkins and Jones of the First, be appointed to meet the Mayor, the Council and citizens of Frederick upon their arrival, and escort them to the City Hall, and that the Mayor meet them and conduct them to the Council Chamber, and introduce them to the members—That the chairman invite them to meet this Corporation in this Hall at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, to join in the celebration of the day.

Mr. Mott presented a petition from Thos. Hillen and others relative to Harford avenue, which was read, and on motion referred to the joint committee on Streets.

Mr. Mott from the committee, submitted the follpwing report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the First Branch.

The joint committee to whom was referred the resolution relative to the expediency of the Corporation purchasing a lot of ground from John Murray, situated at the intersection of Monument, Aisquith and Gay streets, take leave to report, that they have examined the premises, and conceive the purchase to be a judicious one on the part of the Corporation. They therefore submit the following resolution.

Feb. 20th, 1832.

BENEDICT I. SANDERS,
WM. RONEY,
T. P. ALRICKS,
} *Committee First Branch.*

JOSHUA MOTT,
HENRY STOUFFER,
} *Committee Second Branch.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register be and he is hereby authorised to pay to John Murray the sum of Fifty dollars for his lot of ground situated at the intersection of Monument, Aisquith and Gay streets, so soon as the said Murray shall furnish a good and sufficient deed in fee simple for the same, to be approved by the Counsel for the city.

A message was received from the First Branch proposing that when the City Council adjourn this evening they adjourn until Thursday next.

This branch informed them that they assented.

The Branch then adjourned until Thursday afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Thursday, February 23, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq. President and all the members.

A bill entitled An ordinance to fill up Albemarle street dock, was received from the First Branch, which was read, and on motion laid on the the table.

A report and resolution directing the Port Wardens to carry into effect the objects of resolution No. 25, approved March 2d, 1831, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in and returned to the First Branch.

Mr. Moore asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill entitled A further supplement to an ordinance to preserve the health of the city of Baltimore, and for the due performance of quarantine.

A report and resolution from the joint committee of Ways and Means relative to a letter from John Scott, esq. recommending an appeal in the case of the Corporation vs. Cumberland Dugan, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

The two branches met in convention, and after separating this branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Friday, February 24, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq. President and all the members.

Mr. Moore submitted a bill entitled A further supplement to an ordinance, entitled an ordinance to preserve the health of the city of Baltimore, and for the due performance of quarantine, which was read, and on motion, laid on the table.

A message was received from the First Branch, proposing to refer a petition from Jacob Daley to a select joint committee, and naming on their part Messrs. Roney, Dushane and Hanson.

This Branch informed them that they assented, and appointed Messrs. Stouffer and Inloes.

A message was sent to the First Branch proposing that when the City Council adjourn this evening they adjourn until Monday next.

The First Branch assented.

A report and resolution from the joint committee on the Harbour relative to a petition to Congress for aid in deepening the harbour, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch, with the proposed amendment.

Amendment proposed.

After the name of B. C. Howard, insert and John T. H. Worthington.

The Branch then adjourned until Monday afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Monday, February 27, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq. President and all the members.

A report and resolution from the joint committee on Police relative to fire crackers, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

The bill entitled A further supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance to preserve the health of the city of Baltimore, &c. was read the second time, passed, and sent to the First Branch.

A resolution for repaving part of Gay street, was received from the First Branch, which was read and laid on the table.

A report and resolution on the petition of Alexander Mitchell, and a report and resolution on the petition of Wm. Winchester, superintendant of the Baltimore Water Co. were received from the First Branch, which were read the first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

Mr. Lucas submitted the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the committee on Streets be requested to enquire into the expediency of placing flag-stones across Saratoga street from the south east to the north east corner of St. Paul's lane, and report thereon.

A report and resolution on the petition of Charles R. Carroll; a report and resolution on the memorial of Edward Green; and a report and resolution on the subject of direct taxation, were received from the First Branch, which were severally read, and on motion, laid on the table.

The Branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, February 28, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq. President and all the members.

The reports and resolutions in favor of Edward Green and Charles R. Carroll, were read the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

A resolution discharging the committee of health from further considering a subject therein specified, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

The resolution from the committee of conference on the subject of direct taxation, was read the second time, concurred in with the proposed amendment, and returned to the First Branch.

Amendment proposed.

After the word "stock," add "exclusive of any dividends thereon."

A bill entitled An ordinance relative to Orleans street, was received from the First Branch, which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Moore, from the committee, submitted the following report and resolution, which was read and laid on the table.

The committee on Fountains and Springs to whom was referred so much of the Mayor's annual communication as relates to Charles street Spring, beg leave to Report—

That they have examined with due care the condition of said spring, and find that the pipe which conveys the waste water has of late been several times obstructed, so that a considerable quantity of water collects on the floor of the spring, and the Commissioners have had on each occasion to obtain the loan of the Union Co's. suction engine to pump out the waste water which had accumulated on the floor of the spring, and with the aid of another engine force the impediments out of the waste pipe; but as this plan of operating is tedious, expensive, and cannot be done at all times, the committee would recommend that stop cocks be fixed to the waste pipe, and a communication made between it and the Water Company's pipe in Charles street, so that hereafter, when a stoppage occurs, the keeper of the spring, by turning

the cocks, can let the water from the Water Company's pipe into the waste pipe, which will clear it out at once. A new stock and some repairs are requisite at the fountain on Light street, for particulars of which, and the cost of the stop cocks, we refer you to an estimate made by the City Commissioners accompanying this report.

The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

SAMUEL MOORE,
THOMAS SEWELL,
JAS. BEATTY.

Baltimore, Feb. 28th, 1832.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners, with the approbation of the Mayor, be and they are hereby directed to have three stop cocks affixed to the pipe which conveys the waste water from Charles street spring, and to connect said pipe with the Water Co's pipe in Charles street; also, to have a new upright stock placed on Light street wharf, where the present Fountain is, and to repair the pavement around the same. And the said Commissioners are authorised to draw on the Register (to be paid out of any unappropriated money in the treasury) for the sum of one hundred and eighty-seven dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to defray the cost of said improvements, and sundry expenses already incurred in clearing out the said pipe.

The two branches met in convention, and after separating, this branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, February 29, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq. President and all the members.

Mr. Mott presented a petition from Benj. Greble and others relative to placing flag-stones in Britton street, which was read, and on motion referred to the joint committee on Streets.

A report and resolution on the petition of Saml. Brown, and a report and resolution on the petition of Alex. M'Donald, asking permission to finish frame buildings, were read, and on motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Stouffer submitted a bill entitled A supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance for the appointment of Managers of the House of Refuge, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, passed, and sent to the First Branch.

Mr. Moore asked and obtained leave by the following vote, to bring in a bill entitled A supplement to an ordinance relative to the city officers of the city of Baltimore.

Yeas—Messrs. Inloes, Schæffer, Moore, Bevan, Grafton, Stouffer, Sewell—7.

Nays—Messrs. President, Reaney, Mott, Beatty, Lucas—5.

Determined in the affirmative, and the bill was accordingly submitted and read a first, and by special order the second time, passed by the following vote, and sent to the First Branch.

Yeas—Messrs. Inloes, Schæffer, Moore, Bevan, Grafton, Stouffer, Sewell—7.

Nays—Messrs. President, Reaney, Mott, Beatty, Lucas—5.

The two branches met in convention, and after separating, this branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Thursday, March 1, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq. President and all the members.

Mr. Mott submitted the following resolution, which was read a first and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the committee on Streets be requested to enquire into the expediency of regulating and repaving the streets through which the Rail Road Company shall lay tracks for their cars, and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Moore from the committee, submitted the following report and resolution, which was read and laid on the table.

The committee on Fountains and Springs, to whom was referred the memorial of Samuel House and others, asking permission to take down the brick wall on the north side of Charles street spring lot and erect instead thereof a wall and fence similar to those on Charles and Camden streets, have examined the same, and are of opinion, that the alteration proposed to be made by the memorialists will be an improvement to the appearance of the spring lot, and that the city cannot sustain any injury by complying with their request.

The committee therefore offer the following resolution.

Baltimore, Feb. 29th, 1832.

SAMUEL MOORE,
THOMAS SEWELL,
JAS. BEATTY.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That Samuel House and others, owners of certain lots fronting the north side of Charles street spring, be and they are hereby authorised to remove and use the brick wall on the north side of said spring lot, provided the said Samuel House, and others, proprietors as aforesaid, give satisfactory security to the Mayor, that they will, at their own cost, erect in lieu of said brick wall, a wall and fence (having an entrance in the centre) of good materials, and complete the same to the satisfaction of the City Commissioners, so as to correspond with the wall and fence on Charles street.

A bill entitled An ordinance to provide for the compensation of the keeper of the powder house was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, endorsed "will not pass," and returned to the First Branch.

A report and resolution on the petition of William D. M'Kim was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

A report and resolution relative to establishing a port wardens' line at the Ferry Branch, and

A report and resolution for walling Jones' Falls, were received from the First Branch, which were read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

A resolution discharging the committee on Health from further considering the petition of Wm. Armour;

A report and resolution discharging the committee on the Harbour on the subject of the draw-bridge;

A report and resolution of the committee on so much of the Mayor's annual communication as relates to the Fish Houses;

A report and resolution permitting Danl. Schwarzauer to remove sand from Hughes street;

Were received from the First Branch, which were severally read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

A letter addressed to the Mayor, was received through the First Branch, from P. Laurenson and Jesse Hunt, esqs. which was read.

The report and resolution from the committee on Fountains relative to Charles street spring, was read the second time, concurred in, and sent to the First Branch.

A report and resolution from the joint committee on Markets, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in with the proposed amendment, and returned to the First Branch.

Amendment proposed.

After the word "markets" add "houses" in the 2d line of the second resolution.

The bill entitled An ordinance relative to Orleans street, was read the second time, passed and returned to the First Branch.

A resolution relative to petitions, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first and by special order the second time, dissented from, and returned to the First Branch.

A report and resolution for raising the curb stones on Saratoga street; and

A report and resolution relative to levelling and grading Bond street; were received from the First Branch, which were read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

Mr. Bevan submitted the following resolution, which was read a first and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on lighting the city be requested to enquire into the expediency of placing a lamp in Uhler's alley, between Hanover and Charles streets.

The resolutions on the petitions of Alex. M'Donald and Samuel Brown, were read the second time.

Mr. Moore proposed the following amendments to each of said resolutions:

Amendments proposed:

Add at the conclusion "said house having been commenced before the passage of the ordinance prohibiting the erection of frame buildings within the new limits of direct taxation"—which amendments were read the first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and the resolutions returned to the First Branch.

The report and resolution authorising the corporation to purchase a lot of ground from John Murray, was returned from the First Branch concurred in with the following amendments.

Amendments Proposed.

After the word fee simple, in 8th line, add "clear of all incumbrances and arrears of taxes and impositions of all descriptions or nature whatsoever."

The said amendments were read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Mr. Moore, from the committee, submitted the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

The committee on Fountains and Springs, to whom was referred a communication from Samuel House, offering to sell to the city a lot of ground near to the Charles street spring, have had the same under consideration, and deem it inexpedient at this time that the city should purchase said lot. They accordingly offer the following resolution.

Baltimore, Feb. 29th, 1832.

SAMUEL MOORE,
THOMAS SEWELL,
JAS. BEATTY.

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that Samuel House have leave to withdraw his communication.

A report and resolution for cutting down and levelling Chatsworth street;

A report and resolution for repaving the gutters on Dutch alley; and

A report and resolution relative to Pine street—were received from the First Branch, which were read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

The resolution for repaving part of Gay street, was read the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

The Branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Friday, March 2, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq. President and all the members.

Mr. Beatty presented a petition from James Barroll and others relative to Franklin lane, which was read, and on motion referred to the joint committee on Streets.

The report and resolution relative to the wall at Charles street spring, was read the second time, concurred in, and sent to the First Branch.

A report and resolution approving an act of assembly, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

Mr. Mott from the committee, submitted the following report and resolution, which was read and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Bridges to whom was referred the petition of George Warner, jr. and others, take leave to report, that they have examined Chatsworth run where it crosses Columbia street, and are of the opinion that said street cannot be permanently paved without the construction of a tunnel bridge (as prayed for by the petitioners) over said run; they therefore recommend the adoption of the annexed resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSHUA MOTT, } *Committee*
WM. INLOES, } *Second Branch*

VALENTINE DUSHANE, } *Committee*
WM. H. HANSON, } *First*
WM. GWYNN JONES, } *Branch.*

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That whenever the proprietors of a majority of the feet of ground fronting on Columbia street shall apply to have said street paved from Washington avenue to the present pavement of said street, and it shall be determined by the City Commissioners to pave the same, that then the City Commissioners shall be, and they are hereby authorised to construct a good and substantial tunnel bridge of stone over Chatsworth

run, where it crosses Columbia street, and to draw on the Register, with the approbation of the Mayor, for dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to defray the expense thereof, to be paid out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

A message was sent to the First Branch proposing that when the City Council adjourn this evening they adjourn until Monday next.

The First Branch assented.

The Branch then adjourned until Monday afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Monday, March 5, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq. President and all the members except Messrs. Grafton and Sewell.

A report and resolution on the memorial of Rezin B. Simpson and others, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

A bill entitled An ordinance to restrain transient musical exhibitions was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, passed and returned to the First Branch with the following amendments as submitted by Mr. Lucas.

Amendments Proposed.

In 2d line, 1st section, after the word "any" insert "individual or"; and after the word "on" in 3d line, insert "any instrument or".

A report and resolution relative to filling up President and Wilk street; and

A resolution relatixe to filling up Wilk street, were received from the First Branch, which were read and on motion laid on the table.

The two branches met in convention, and after separating, this branch adjourned until tomorrow.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, March 6, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq. President and all the members except Mr. Sewell.

The resolution authorising the corporation to purchase a lot of ground from John Murray was this day handed over to the Mayor.

A report and resolution for repaving part of Light street was received from the First Branch and read, and on motion laid on the table.

The resolution relative to the wall at Charles street spring; and the Resolution relative to Charles street spring, were returned from the First Branch endorsed concurred in.

The two Branches met in convention, and after separating the Branch took up the bill entitled An Ordinance to fill up Albemarle street dock, which was read the second time. Mr. Grafton proposed the following which was concurred in.

Amendment proposed:

After the word "Mayor," insert "the President and Directors of the Ohio Rail Road Company."

Mr. Moore proposed the following amendment which was concurred in.

Amendment proposed:

Add at the end of the bill, "provided said filling be made at a grade that will carry off the water from the adjoining lots and streets which now flow into said dock."

On motion of Mr. Moore the bill was then laid on the table for further consideration, and the branch adjourned until tomorrow.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk*

Wednesday, March 7, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq. President and all the members.

A report and resolution on the petition of Jacob Wolfe, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, dissented from and returned to the First Branch.

A report and resolution authorising the Register to pay a certain sum to the order of the Port Wardens,—and a report and resolution on the petition of Jacob Daley, were received from the First Branch, which were read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in and returned to the First Branch.

The resolution relative to the spring and wall in Charles street, were this day handed over to the Mayor for his approval.

The bill entitled A further supplement to an ordinance entitled an ordinance to preserve the health of the city of Baltimore, &c. was returned from the First Branch endorsed "will pass."

The resolution relative to President and Wilk streets, was read the second time. Mr. Stouffer proposed the following amendment:—in the 5th line, after the word "streets," insert "so far on the east and west side thereof as to make it passable."

Mr. Moore proposed the following amendment:—after the word "Basin," in the 6th line, strike out "sufficiently high," and substitute these words—"their proper grade so as." The resolution as amended was concurred in and returned to the First Branch.

On motion the branch adjourned until tomorrow.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Thursday, March 8, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq. President and all the members.

The following communication was received from the Mayor and read.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Baltimore,
March 8th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch of the City Council.

I have approved and signed "A resolution relative to Charles-street spring"—a "resolution authorising the corporation to purchase a lot of ground from John Murray"—and "a resolution relative to the wall at Charles street spring"—all of which originated in your branch.

Respectfully, yours, &c.

WM. STEUART, Mayor.

The resolution relative to Chatsworth Run was read the second time —Mr. Mott proposed to fill up the blank with $900—concurred in— Mr. Inloes proposed the following amendment: after the word 'substantial' in the 8th line, insert 'a good and substantial bridge, with a tunnel whose area shall be sufficient to discharge the water at all times."

On motion of Mr. Schæffer the resolution was then laid on the table for further consideration.

Mr. Reaney submitted the following resolution, which was read a first, and by speeial order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the committee on streets be, and they are hereby instructed to enquire into the expedienoy of placing flag-stones across Baltimore street, at the west end of the bridge at Jones' Falls.

The bill entitled A further supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance to preserve the health of the city of Baltimore, &c. was this day handed over tothe Mayor for approval.

A bill entitled An additional supplement to an ordinance for the appointment of a Register of the city and prescribing his duties, approved 8th April, 1826, was received from the First Branch, which was

read, and on motion by Mr. Grafton, 50 copies were ordered to be printed.

The following message was received from the First Branch and read.

By the First Branch, March 8th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

A resolution reported in your branch by the committee on Public Fountains and Springs, on the 8th February, and passed by your branch on the succeeding day, has been mislaid in this branch and cannot be found. We therefore suggest, that the said resolution may be revived in your branch.

By order,

THOS. PHENIX, *Clk.*

This branch assented.

On motion the branch adjourned until tomorrow.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Friday, March 9, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq. President and all the members except Mr. Inloes.

A message was received from the First Branch, proposing to this branch to reconsider and recede from their dissent to the resolution in favor of Jacob Wolf—also proposing that when the City Council adjourn this evening they adjourn until Monday next.

This branch informed them that they had reconsidered and still adhered to their dissent to the resolution, and assented to the adjournment.

A report and resolution from the joint committee on the Harbour was received from the First Branch, which was read, and on motion, laid on the table.

The bill entitled A further supplement to an ordinance relative to the officers of the city, was returned from the First Branch, endorsed "will not pass."

On motion the branch adjourned until Monday.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk*

Monday, March 12, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq. President, and all the members.

The bill entitled A supplement to an ordinance entitled an ordinance for the appointment of Managers of the House of Refuge, was returned from the First Branch endorsed "will not pass."

The bill entitled An additional supplement to an ordinance for the appointment of a Register of the City, and prescribing his duties, approved April 8th, 1826, was read the second time. Mr. Moore proposed the following amendment: after the word "institution," in 5th line printed bill, insert, "or the banking house of Jacob I. Cohen, Jr. and Brothers, or the bank of Evan Poultney"—dissented from. Mr. Stouffer proposed the following: strike out in the 5th line these words, "as shall allow an interest not less than four per centum per annum therefor"—dissented from. Mr. Moore proposed the following: "and that said ordinance shall not take effect before the 1st January, 1833"—concurred in. The bill as amended was then put on its passage, and the result by yeas and nays was as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Inloes, Schæffer, Lucas, Bevan, Grafton, Sewell—6.

Nays—Messrs. President, Reaney, Mott, Beatty, Moore, Stouffer—6.

Determined in the negative, and returned to the First Branch.

The following communication was received from the Mayor and read.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Baltimore,
March 12th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch of the City Council.

I have approved, and signed, "An ordinance entitled, A further supplement to an ordinance entitled, and ordinance to preserve the health of the city of Baltimore, &c."

Respectfully, yours, &c.

WM. STEUART, Mayor.

A message was received from the First Branch, covering a communication from P. Laurenson, Esq. and proposing to refer the same to the joint committee of Ways and Means.

This Branch informed them that they assented.

A report and resolution relative to the memorial of the Baltimore Humane Society, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in and returned to the First Branch.

Mr. Grafton presented a petition from Benjamin Ellicott and others, relative to repaving Light street; which was read, and on motion referred to the joint committee on Streets.

On motion the branch adjourned until to-morrow.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, March 13, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq. President, and all the members.

The report and resolution from the joint committee on the Harbor, was read the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

The report and resolution relative to Chatsworth Run, was read the second time, concurred in, and sent to the First Branch.

Mr. Moore submitted the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the joint committee on Streets be requested to enquire into the expediency of placing flag stones across Light street, from the north side of Hill street and Guilford alley.

The bill entitled an ordinance to provide for certain expenses for the year 1831, &c. was read the second time, passed, and returned to the First Branch.

A bill entitled An ordinance to provide for the payment of the expenses of the Public Schools of the city of Baltimore, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, passed, and returned to the First Branch.

A bill entitled An ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the year 1832, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, passed and returned to the First Branch.

The following message was received from the First Branch.

In the First Branch, March 13, 1832.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch—

We return you herewith a bill entitled "An additional Supplement to an ordinance for the appointment of a Register of the City, and prescribing his duties," and respectfully request you to reconsider and pass the same. Actuated by a deep sense of the importance of the principle involved in the bill, we are induced to deviate from the ordinary routine of intercourse between the two branches, and state in

a few words the reasons which have induced us to pass the bill, and by which we hope to influence your decision upon the reconsideration of this question. With the fact before us that the extensive bank account of this Corporation has been heretofore kept in an institution which does not allow interest upon deposites of any description, and the further knowledge that there are institutions, which do allow interest upon deposites and current accounts, it becomes a question with us, whether we would better promote the interests of our common constituents, by taking advantage of the offer of interest upon our current account, or permitting it to remain in its present situation without interest. As a simple proposition it would seem that but one answer could be returned. Difficulties were suggested however, which were maturely considered, and either absolutely removed or provided for in the enactments of the bill.

It was stated that we were under obligations to the institution which had hitherto kept our account, for their general punctuality and occasional favors. The very high character of that institution was not questioned, but it was contended on the other hand, and a majority of our branch agreed in the position, that the obligation was reciprocated, and that what was due from us for favors rendered, was cancelled by the value of the account itself, and it was also considered that we might not be justified in evincing our gratitude at the cost of our constituents.

By order,

TH: PHENIX, *Clerk.*

The above message was read, and on motion by Mr. Grafton, laid on the table.

On motion the branch adjourned until to-morrow.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, March 14, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq. President, and all the members.

Mr. Grafton presented a petition from Christian Keener and others, a committee of the "Asbury Sunday School Society of Baltimore"—asking permission to use two of the rooms in the old Alms House; which was read, and on motion laid on the table.

The report and resolution from the joint committee on Public Fountains and Springs, was returned from the First Branch endorsed, concurred in.

The bill entitled, An ordinance to fill up Albemarle street dock, was read the second time. Mr. Moore proposed the following additional amendments: in the title of the bill, after the word "up" insert "a part of," and in the 6th line, strike out "city dock," and insert "south side of Alice Anna street."

Mr. Grafton submitted the following resolution, which was read a first and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Resolved, That the committee on Education be and they are hereby instructed to enquire into the expedience of providing by ordinance, or otherwise, for the disposition of the old Alms House property.

A report and resolution relative to the petition of Nicholas Smith and others,

A report and resolution relative to the Powder House,

A report and resolution on the petition of John & Thomas L. Berry, and

A report and resolution approving a certain act of Assembly, were received from the First Branch—which were severally read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in returned to the First Branch.

The resolution relative to Public Fountains and Springs, making an additional appropriation, was this day handed to the Mayor for his approval.

A resolution for repairing part of Pratt street, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first and by special order the second time. Mr. Moore proposed the following amendment: in the 12th line strike out "they," and insert "the City Commissioners," concurred in, and the resolution as amended returned to the First Branch.

In answer to the Message from the First Branch of the 13th inst. Mr. Moore submitted the following, which was read, and on motion by Mr. Grafton laid on the table.

In Second Branch, March 14, 1832.

Gentlemen of the First Branch—

We have received your message, requesting us to reconsider and pass an ordinance entitled "An additional supplement to an ordinance for the appointment of a Register of the City, and prescribing his duties;" and having duly considered the same, we are willing to give you every credit for the motives which influenced your decision on that bill, but at the same time entertaining views of the subject totally at variance with your vote—we will take the liberty of here stating some of them—first, it must be admitted by every member of the Councils, that bills and resolutions have, or will pass the present session, which will absorb every cent, and more than can possibly be collected into the treasury, from all sources of revenue the city has at its command. Second—It is an admitted fact, that the city, at the beginning of this month, had not one dollar to its credit in bank, but on the contrary had over-checked; and until the Collector can make returns from the outstanding taxes of former years, and receipts from other sources come in, such will continue to be the case, to a greater or less extent. Thirdly—When the tax bills for this year *are* distributed, it must be admitted, *that if one half the amount* is collected within the year, it will be as much as ought to be relied on from that source; for every person is aware of the great difficulties which exist in collecting private accounts, and it is understood that with public accounts, an indulgence has always been given, in what have been called, "good times;" how much more then will it become necessary, on the part of the City Collector to favor those, who, from the harrassing times we now experience, cannot meet his demands within the period limited by ordinance for the payment of taxes—these considerations alone therefore prevent our complying with your request, because, from them, we are satisfied that the city will not have such an account during the present year, as will leave a balance in its favour.

We cannot, however, close our reply without respectfully adverting to the concluding part of your message—where you take occasion to say, that if the Bank of Baltimore have granted favors to the city, that those obligations have all been cancelled, by the value of the City's account.—We are constrained to believe that in coming to this

conclusion, you do not set a just estimate on the valuable services that institution has rendered to the city—for, facts have come within our knowledge of kind acts being extended, (and this too when there was no such thing ever dreamt of, as a bank offering an interest on deposites,) which will never be obliterated from our memories.

Upon a review, therefore, of the whole question, we beg leave with all due deference, to dissent from your bill, not believing it to be good policy, for a small consideration and seemingly specious offer, which we understand have been held out by some institutions, that the account of the city should at this time be withdrawn from one, where its interests have invariably been consulted and promoted.

The resolution relative to Chatsworth run, was returned from the First Branch endorsed, concurred in.

On motion the branch adjourned until to-morrow.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Thursday, March 15, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq. President, and all the members.

A resolution authorising the Register to pay the committee the amount of their expenses to Annapolis, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in and returned to the first Branch.

The following communication was received from the Mayor and read.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
March 15th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch of the City Council.

I have approved and signed, "A resolution relative to Public Fountains and Springs, making an additional appropriation, &c."

Respectfully, yours, &c.

WM. STEUART, Mayor.

A report and resolution relative to Bottle alley, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, dissented from, and returned to the First Branch.

A report and resolution from the joint committee on Police,

A report and resolution from the joint committee on Streets, and

A resolution relating to an act of Assembly, were received from the First Branch, which were severally read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in and returned to the First Branch.

A resolution relative to building a bridge at the junction of Hillen and Pleasant streets, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time. Mr. Lucas proposed the following amendment, which was concurred in,

Amendment proposed:

After the word "purpose," in the 7th line, strike out all that follows, and substitute the following: "Provided, that Robert Howard and others pay to the Register, on or before the 1st June next, the

sum of $1400 for the construction of said bridge; and the said Commissioners are hereby authorised, with the approbation of the Mayor, to draw on the Register from time to time for such sum as the said bridge may cost, not exceeding the said sum—and that the said Commissioners are hereby authorised to draw on the Register in favour of Robert Howard and others for $1400, payable on the 1st June, 1833, to be paid out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

The resolution as amended was concurred in and returned to the First Branch.

Mr. Moore submitted the following report and resolution, which was read and laid on the table.

The committee on Public Fountains and Springs, to whom was referred the petition of John Barnhart ond others, having had the same under consideration, and believing that if the spring referred to by the petitioners be put in such a condition that the citizens residing in the vicinity can have the use thereof, are induced to offer the following resolution.

Baltimore, 15th *March*, 1832.

SAMUEL MOORE,
THOMAS SEWELL,
JAMES BEATTY,
} *Committee*,

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby authorised to erect a fountain within the enclosure of the city property fronting on Monument street, and to lay pipes connecting the spring with said fountain; together with a waste pipe to conduct the water from the fountain to the north gutter of Monument street, agreeably to their reports on that subject—and the Register is hereby authorised to pay to the order of the City Commissioners, three hundred and sixteen dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to complete said improvements.

On motion the branch adjourned until to-morrow.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk*.

Friday, March 16, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq. President, and all the members.

The resolution for the committee on public fountains and springs, was read the second time, concurred in and sent to the First Branch.

A resolution authorising the city commissioners to receive certain pumps; a resolution discharging the committee on Ways and Means from further considering the accounts of the Commissioners of Finance; and a resolution from the joint committee on streets, were received from the First Branch, which were read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

On motion of Mr. Grafton, a message was sent to the First Branch, proposing that when the City Council adjourn this evening they adjourn until Monday next. The First Branch assented.

A bill entitled An ordinance relating to an act of assembly shutting up a part of Holland street, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, passed and returned to the First Branch.

Mr. Moore, from the committee, submitted the following report and resolution, which was read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the First Branch.

The committee on Public Fountains and Springs, beg leave to report, That they find the wall and fence enclosing the Calvert street Spring in a dilapidated condition; and that the water in said Spring has lately increased so much, that it is necessary an additional waste pipe be laid. They accordingly submit the following resolution—

Baltimore, March 16th, 1832.

SAMUEL MOORE,
THOMAS SEWELL,
JAS. BEATTY:

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby directed to have the wall and fence around Calvert street Spring put in good condition, and to

insert an additional nozzle to carry off the waste water; and they are authorised to draw on the Register, with the approbation of the Mayor, for one hundred and thirty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to complete said repairs.

The resolution for repaving part of Light street was read the second time, dissented from, and returned to the First Branch.

Mr. Grafton submitted a bill entitled An ordinance to provide for altering and changing the grade of a part of Light street, and for repaving a part of the same, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, passed and sent to the First Branch.

On motion the branch adjourned until Monday.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Monday, March 19, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Mott.

Mr. Moore presented a petition from Watchman & Bratt and others, relative to the grade of William, Johnson and Hughes' streets, which was read, and on motion referred to the joint committee on Streets.

The following communication was received from the Mayor and read.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
March 19th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch of the City Council:

I have approved and signed "A resolution relative to Chatsworth run."

Respectfully, your's, &c.
WM. STEUART, Mayor.

On motion the branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

By order,
TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, March 20, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Inloes.

Mr. Reaney presented the petition of Philip R. I. Friese, which was referred to the committee on the Harbour.

A message was received from the First Branch dissenting from the amendments of this branch to the resolution for building a bridge at the junction of Hillen and Pleasant streets, and requesting a committee of conference. This branch assented, and appointed Messrs. Stouffer and S. Moore.

Mr. Moore asked and obtained leave to introduce an ordinance authorising the sale of the old Alms House property, which was read a first time and 50 copies ordered to be printed.

An ordinance making appropriations for the year 1832, was received from the First Branch, and read a first, and by special order the second time. Mr. Moore moved to strike out twenty-five thousand dollars for deepening and improving the harbour, and insert thirty thousand dollars, which was carried.

Mr. Stouffer moved to strike out six thousand dollars for repairs of pumps and wells, and insert four thousand dollars, which was carried.

The bill was then passed with the proposed amendments.

On motion the branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, March 21, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Sewell.

An ordinance making appropriations for the year 1832, was received from the First Branch, with an amendment to the amendment of this branch. Amendment proposed: for repairs of pumps and wells, instead of 'four,' substitute 'five,' which was read a first, and by special order a second time, concurred in and returned to the First Branch.

An ordinance authorising the sale of the Alms House property was read a second time. Mr. Stouffer moved to amend the bill by excepting that part of the property heretofore laid off for a depot for the Baltimore and Susquehanna rail road company, which was lost. The bill was then passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. President, Inloes, Reaney, Mott, Beatty, Lucas, Moore, Bevan, Grafton.

Nays—Messrs. Schæffer and Stouffer.

A message was received from the First Branch proposing to adjourn *sine die* on Saturday, the 31st inst. This branch assented.

A report of the committee on Fire Companies was received from the First Branch accompanied by a resolution making appropriations for the fire companies for the year 1832, which were read a first, and by special order a second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

On motion the branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Thursday, March 22, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq. President, and all the members.

A report and resolution from the Joint Committee to whom was referred the report of the Commissioners of Finance, was received from the First Branch, read a first, and, by special order, a second time, concurred in and returned to the First Branch.

A resolution was received from the First Branch for filling up Park Lane, between Cox and Pine streets, which was read a first, and by special order a second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

A resolution was received from the First Branch for cutting down and levelling Market street, Fell's Point, which was read a first, and by special order a second time, concurred in and returned to the First Branch.

A report and resolution relative to Jones' Falls, were read a first, and by special order a second time, concurred in and returned to the First Branch.

A report and resolution of the Joint Committee, relative to repaving Block street, was received from the First Branch, read a first, and by special order a second time, concurred in and returned to the First Branch.

A report and resolution for repaving part of Charles street, were received from the First Branch, read a first and by special order a second time, concurred in, and returned to the Frst Branch.

A report and resolution authorizing the City Commissioners to alter the grade of Courtland street, were received from the First Branch, read a first and by special order a second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

A report and resolution relative to Uhler's sewer, were received from the First Branch, read a first and by special order a second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

A message was received from the First Branch, proposing to refer the Act of Assembly for the occlusion of part of Emory street, and

also the petition of Michael Croft and others to a Joint Committee; this Branch assented and appointed Messrs. Stouffer, Bevan and Mott, on their part.

Mr. Grafton introduced An Ordinance making an additional appropriation for the Health Department; was read a first time and referred to the Committee on Health.

A report and resolution of the Joint Committee on Health, on the petition of P. Doyle and others, were received from the First Branch, read a first and by special order a second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

A report and resolution on the petition of Christian Keener and others, were received from the First Branch, read a first and by special order a second time, concurred in and returned to the First Branch.

A report and resolution were received from the First Branch, authorizing the city Commissioners to change the situation of a sewer, which were read a first and by special order a second time, concurred in and returned to the First Branch.

An Ordinance for altering the grade of a part of Light street, was returned from the First Branch with Amendments, which were read a first and by special order a second time and concurred in.

On motion the branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk.*

Friday, March 23, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Mott.

A report and resolution for repairing part of Market street, Fell's Point, were received from the First Branch, read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in and returned to the First Branch.

A resolution for repaving part of Wilk street was received from the First Branch, read a first and by special order a second time, concurred in, and returned to the Frst Branch.

A resolution for repaving part of Lancaster street was received from the First Branch, read a first and by special order a second time, concurred in and returned to the First Branch.

A message was received from the Mayor transmitting an act of Assembly to vest certain powers in the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, which was read and on motion of Mr. Stouffer sent to the First Branch with a message, proposing to refer the first section of the act to the committee on Rail Roads, and the second section to the committee on Health.

A bill entitled, An ordinance to regulate nine and ten pin alleys, was received from the First Branch, read a first and by special order a second time, concurred in and returned to the First Branch.

A report and resolution for repaving part of Cider alley, were received from the First Branch, read a first time and laid on the table.

On motion the branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. H BELT, *Clerk.*

Saturday, March 24, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs. Inloes and Mott.

A report and resolution authorizing the Register to pay a certain sum to Joseph Townsend and others, former Visitors of Baltimore County Jail;

A report and resolution on the petition of James Fields and others, —and a

Report and resolution on the petition of Wm. Patterson, were received from the First Branch, which were severally read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in and returned to the First Branch.

A message was received from the First Branch assenting to the proposal to refer an act of Assembly to respective Joint Committees proposed by this Branch.

A bill entitled a supplement to an Ordinance entitled an Ordinance, relative to Flying Horses, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the secodd time, passed and returned to the First Branch.

A message was received from the First Branch proposing to refer certain acts of the assembly to a joint committee, and naming on their part Messrs. Blair, Dushane and Amos.

This branch assented, and appointed Messrs. Stouffer and Reaney.

A resolution for selling the city property on Holliday street, was received from the First Branch, which was read.

Mr. Moore proposed the following amendment:

In the 6th and 9th lines, after the word "Council," insert "or a majority of them"—Concurred in, and on motion, the resolution laid on the table.

A resolution relating to a certain land warrant, was received from the First Branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

The resolutions relative to the Calvert street spring, and the spring near the penitentiary, and the bill entitled An ordinance to provide for

altering the grade and repaving part of Light street, were this day handed to the Mayor for approval.

A resolution authorising the Mayor to borrow a certain sum of money, was received from the First Branch, which was read and laid on the table.

On motion the branch then adjourned until Monday afternoon.

By order,

TH. H BELT, *Clerk.*

Monday, March 26, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, B. Schaeffer, Esq., President pro tem. and all the members except Messrs. P. Moore and Sewell.

A report and resolution on the memorial of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company;

A report and resolution on the petition of P. R. I. Friese, and

A report and resolution relative to repaving part of Frederick street, were received from the First Branch, which were severally read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in and returned to the First Branch.

A bill entitled A Supplement to an Ordinance to preserve the navigation of the Harbour, was received from the First Branch, which was read and on motion laid on the table.

The following communication was received from the Mayor, and read—

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
MARCH 26th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch of the City Council—

I have approved and signed "An Ordinance to provide for altering and changing the grade of part of Light street, &c.; and a "Resolution relative to the Spring within the enclosure of the city property on Monument street;"—and also, "A resolution relative to Calvert street spring."

Respectfully yours, &c.

WM. STEUART, Mayor.

The resolution authorizing the Mayor to borrow a certain sum of money, was read the second time, concurred in and returned to the First Branch.

A petition was received from Alexander Fridge, through the Mayor, asking permission on behalf of the Female Orphan Asylum, to convey the water from the cellar of their house on Calvert street by a pipe to connect the spring pipe, which was read and on motion referred to the Committee on Fountains.

A bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the valuation and assessment of property in the city of Baltimore—was received from the first Branch, which was read and on motion laid on the table.

On motion the branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. H BELT, *Clerk*

Tuesday, March 27, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq., President, and all the members except Mr. Inloes.

The bill entitled, A supplement to an ordinance to preserve the navigation of the harbour, was read the second time, passed and returned to the First Branch.

The two Branches met in convention, and after separating the Branch took up for consideration

A bill entitled, An ordinance for the erection of gas lamps, which was received from the First Branch, and was read a first and by special order the second time, passed and returned to the First Branch.

A bill entitled, An ordinance for the erection and removal of oil lamps—a bill entitled, An ordinance to approve and carry into effect an act of Assembly—a bill entitled, An ordinance permitting Emory street to remain closed—and a bill entitled, An ordinance relating to public pumps, were received from the First Branch, which were severally read a first and by special order the second time, passed and returned to the First Branch.

A resolution discharging the committee on Health on the petition of Wm. Armor and others;

A resolution on the petition of John Halbert;

A resolution on the petition of F. I. Dallam;

A resolqtion discharging the committee on the Harbour from further considering a certain subject; and

A resolution discharging the committee on Streets from further considering the subject of Caroline street, were received from the First Branch, which were severally read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in and returned to the First Branch.

On motion the branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. H. BELT, *Clerk*

Wednesday, March 28, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq., President, and all the members except Mr. Sewell.

Mr. Stouffer submitted a bill entitled A supplement to an ordinance to permit of part of Q alley to be closed, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, passed, and sent to the first branch; the first branch returned the same, endorsed "will pass."

A resolution authorising Wm. Hollins to erect a wooden bridge,

A resolution relative to gravelling Market-street, Fell's Point,

A resolution for walling Harford run from Pitt to Holland-street,

A resolution for the payment of a balance due on a certain sewer,

A report and resolution on the petition of Richard Frisby,

A resolution for repairing the market houses,

A resolution discharging the committee on streets on the petition of Austin Woolfolk,

A report and resolution discharging the Committee on streets from further considering a subject therein mentioned, were received from the first branch, and severally read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in and returned to the first branch.

A resolution for improving a sewer in south Charles-street, was received from the first branch, which was read, and on motion by Mr. Grafton referred to a select committee—Committee, Messrs. Reaney, Grafton, and Mott.

A resolution for extending a Tunnel over Chatsworth run, was received from the first branch, which was read a first and by special order the second time; Mr. Stouffer proposed the following amendment: Add at the conclusion, "provided the said street is paved the present season;" concurred in, and the resolution as amended returned to the first branch.

A resolution for the appointment of a select joint committee was received from the first branch, which was read a first and by special order the second time, dissented from, and returned to the first branch.

A resolution in favor of Francis I. Dallam, was received from the

first branch, which was read a first and by special order the second time—Mr. Moore proposed the following amendment: at the conclusion of the resolution, add, "for defraying the expense of paving in front of a lot belonging to the city, at the intersection of Fayette street and Run alley."

Resolutions approving acts of the Assembly for opening Fayette and Parkin streets, were received from the first branch, which were read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the first branch.

The resolution for repaving part of Cider alley, was read the second time, dissented from, and returned to the first branch.

A bill entitled, An additional supplement to an ordinance entitled, An ordinance to regulate the several Markets, and

A bill entitled, A further supplement to an ordinance entitled, An ordinance relating to the Baltimore & Ohio rail road Co., were received from the first branch, which were read a first and by special order the second time, passed, and returned to the first branch.

The bill entitled, An ordinance making additional appropriations for the Health deparment, was returned from the first branch, endorsed "will pass."

Che resolution for selling the city property on Holliday-street, was read the second time—Mr. Stouffer proposed the following amendment, which was read:

Add at the conclusion—"And in case the Register shall effect a sale of the above described property, it shall be the duty of the City Commissioners forthwith to repair and put in order the building on the back part of the City Hall lot for a watch house, and the cellar under the front house for an oil cellar, and draw on the Register, with the approbation of the Mayor, on any unappropriated money in the treasury, for the cost of such repairs—and that the sum of dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid by the Register, with the approbation of the Mayor, out of any money unappropriated in the treasury, to the President of the Mechanical Fire Company, in order to enable said company to purchase a lot and build an engine house thereon, for said company, the title of said premises to be vested in the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

Mr. Moore proposed an indefinite postponement of the resolution and amendment, which was carried by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. Inloes, Reaney, Mott, Schæffer, Beatty, Moore, Bevan—7.

Nays—Messrs. President, Lucas, Grafton, Stouffer—4.

On motion the branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock to-tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. H BELT, *Clerk.*

Thursday, March 29, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq., President, and all the members except Messrs. Inloes and Sewell.

The bill entitled A supplement to an ordinance to permit part of Q alley to be closed, was this day handed to the Mayor for approval.

Resolutions in favour of the assistant clerk of the Lexington Market, and the clerk of the Belle Air Market, were received from the first branch, which were read a first and by special order the second time, dissented from and returned to the first branch.

The bill entitled An ordinance making an additional appropriation for the health department for the year 1832, was this day handed to the Mayor for approval.

A bill entitled A supplement to an ordinance to preserve the navigation of the harbour of Baltimore, was received from the first branch and read a first and by special order the second time. Mr. Moore proposed the following amendments—In the 5th line strike out the word "into" and insert "to any public wharf in."

Strike out the words interlined betwen the 5th and 6th lines.

In the 8th line insert "public" before the word "wharf."

In the 10th line after the word "Dock" insert "or public wharf."

The above amendments were concurred in, and the bill as amended passed and returned to the first branch.

A resolution approving an act of assembly therein mentioned, was received from the first branch, which was read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in, and returned to the first branch.

A message was received from the first branch proposing to refer an Act of Assembly to a joint committee, and naming on their part Messrs. Jenkins, Jones and Ridgely,—also proposing to refer a petition from Robert Aitkin to a joint committee, and naming Messrs. Sanders, E. Stansbury and J. E. Stansbury, on their part.

This branch informed them that they assented, and appointed on the first committee Messrs. Stouffer and Bevan, and on the second Messrs. Beatty and Reaney.

Mr. Stouffer presented a petition from Andrew Hack and others, and a petition from Adam Welsh and others, which were read, and on motion referred to the joint committee on streets.

A resolution for repairing the wall at the junction of Park lane and Run alley, was received from the first branch, read a first and by special order the second time.

Mr. Stouffer proposed the following amendment. Strike out $64 and insert $74: concurred in, and the resolution returned to the first branch.

Resolutions discharging the committee on streets from further considering certain subjects, and a resolution for repairing the fish house wharf, were received from the first branch, and read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in and returned to the first branch.

Mr. Reaney from the committee submitted the following report and resolution, which was read a first and by special order the second time and concurred in.

The committee to whom was referred the resolution from the first branch relative to the sewers in Charles street, and the petition of Jas. Gould and others on the same subject, beg leave to Report,

That they have examined the premises, and are of opinion that considerable improvements are required about the said sewers; but they are not satisfied with the mode proposed by the resolution; and believing that it is too late in the session to digest a proper plan for making the necessary improvements, they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

March 29th, 1832.

WM REANEY,
M. GRAFTON,
JOSHUA MOTT,
} Committee.

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that it be specially referred to the early consideration of the next annual session.

The resolution for improving a sewer in South Charles street was read the second time, dissented from and returned to the first branch.

Mr. Moore from the committee submitted the following report and resolution, which was read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the first branch.

The committee on public fountains and springs to whom was referred the memorial of Alexander Fridge on behalf of the Baltimore Female Orphan Asylum, asking permission to lay a pipe from the cellar of their house on North Calvert street, and to connect it with the vault of the city spring, have had the same under consideration, and believ-

ing that the object of the memorialist can be obtained without introducing a pipe into the vault, beg leave to offer the following resolution.

SAMUEL MOORE, } Committee.
JAS. BEATTY, }

Baltimore, March 27th, 1832.

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Trustees of the Baltimore Female Orphan Asylum, be, and they are hereby authorised to take up so much of the pavement on North Calvert street as is opposite to their lot adjoining the city spring in said street, as will enable them to lay a pipe to carry off the water from the cellar of the house on their lot, and connect the same with the sewer in said street, by which the waste water is carried from said spring; the street to be repaired immediately thereafter, to the satisfaction of the city commissioners, and the entire work to be done at the expense of the trustees aforesaid.

On motion the branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock to-tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. H BELT, *Clerk.*

Friday, March 30, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq., President, and all the members.

The bill entitled an ordinance to provide for the valuation and assessment of property in the city of Baltimore, was read the second time. Mr. Reaney proposed the following amendment:

In the title of the bill add, "including ground rents and incomes of every kind whatever;" concurred in.

The yeas and nays being called on the passage of the bill as amended appeared as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Lucas, Stouffer—2.

Nays—Messrs. President, Inloes, Reaney, Mott, Schæffer, Beatty, Moore, Bevan, Grafton, Sewell—10.

The bill was then endorsed, will not pass, and returned to the First Branch.

A report and resolution on the petition of Alex. Brown and others;

A resolution authorising the City Commissioners to cut down and level William street;

A report and resolution from the committee on the Alms house;

A report and resolution from the joint committee on the obstructions in the Susquehanna river;

A report and resolution relative to changing the channel of Jones' Falls;

A report and resolution from the committee of Ways and Means;

A report and Resolution of the joint committee of the Harbour;

A resolution continuing a certain committee; and

A resolution on the petition of Archibald Croft and others, were received from the First Branch, and severally read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in and returned to the First Branch.

A bill entitled, A supplement to an ordinance entitled, an ordinance for the inspection of pot and pearl ashes;

A bill entitled, An ordinance approving a certain act of Assembly, relating to Cypress alley; and

A bill entitled, An ordinance to prevent the passsge of the apparatus of any of the fire companies upon the foot pavements, were received from the First Branch, and severally read a first and by special order the second time, passed and returned to the First Branch.

The resolution in favour of Alexander Fridge was returned from the First Branch endorsed concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Moore the resolution for selling the property on Holliday street was read the second time,dissented from and returned to the First Branch.

The following communication was received from the Mayor and read.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Baltimore,
March 30th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch of the City Council—

I have approved and signed "A bill entitled An ordinance making an additional appropriation for the health department for 1832"—and "a bill entitled a supplement to an ordinance to permit the closing a part of Q alley"

Respectfully yours, &c.

WM. STEUART, Mayor.

The bill entitled, An ordinance authorising the sale of the old Alms house property, was returned from the First Branch, passed with the following amendments.

Amendments proposed:

1st. Strike out the third paragraph of the preamble.

2d. After the word "described," in the 5th line, first section, add "except the acre hereinafter alluded to as a depot for the Baltimore & Susquehanna rail road company.

3d. Make the 2d section the 5th, the 3d section the 6th, and the 4th section the 7th, and substitute the following for the 2d, 3d and 4th sections.

2. And be it enacted and ordained, That before the Commissioners of Public Schools, shall proceed to sell the said property, or any part thereof, they shall first lay off and designate one acre, by certain known and visible boundaries on or near the same, to be used as a depot for the Baltimore and Susquehannah Rail Road Company, in accordance with the provisions of an ordinance entitled "an ordinance to permit the Baltimore and Susquehannah Rail Road Company to extend branches of said road within the city of Baltimore," and cause to be executed a complete and particular map or plat of the whole of the said property, exhibiting the manner in which it shall have been laid off in lots; and sign the said map or plat with the whole or a majority of their names,and deposit it in the office of the City Register: Provided, That if the said Rail Road Company, do not complete the branch Rail-way leading to the said property, and erect and finish the said

depot before the first day of June, 1832, then the said Commissioners may sell the said acre, first dividing it into lots, so as to make it produce the greatest amount of money.

3. And be it enacted and ordained, That a board of assessors shall be appointed in the following manner, and for the following purposes, to wit: Two by a convention of the two branches of the City Council, and two by the School Commissioners, all of whom shall be residents of the tenth, eleventh, or twelfth wards, north of Baltimore street, who shall meet upon, and examine the said property after the sale thereof, or of any portion of it, and after careful investigation, and inquiry of the purchasers and others, report in writing to the Mayor for the information of the Councils at their next annual session thereafter, whether according to their best judgment, the said property has increased in value in consequence of the actual or contemplated location of a depot thereupon—and also what amount of money the whole four acres would have produced, if there had been no depot, nor no intention to locate one upon or near the said property.

4. And be it enacted and ordained, That if either, or both of the said assessors, to be appointed by the Councils should die, resign or refuse to act, the Mayor may appoint another or others in his or their stead; and if either, or both of those appointed by the School Commissioners should die, resign or refuse to act, the said Commissioners or a majority of them, may appoint another or others in his or their stead: and a decision of a majority of the said assessors shall be deemed and considered a decision of the whole; but if the said assessors should be equally divided and unable to agree, they may call a fifth person being a resident as aforesaid; and the said assessors shall be compensated for their services at the rate of two dollars *per diem* for each, for every day they may be actually engaged about the said business, to be paid by the School Commissioners.

4th. Add at the end of the first section the following: "And the said commissioners may in their discretion, first cause Eutaw street to be opened through the said property, provided the expense of opening the same be paid out of the proceeds of the sale thereof."

5th. Strike out "School fund" in the 5th line old 4th sect. and insert "payment of the debt due thereon."

6th. Transpose the words "to apply" in the 4th line, 4th section, and place them after the word "and" in the 4th line.

7th. Transpose the words "during the present year" in the 11th line and place them after the word "house" in the 10th line.

8th. After the word "sell" in the 6th line, 1st section, "or lease."

The above amendments were concurred in by this Branch.

On motion the branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock to-tomorrow afternoon.

By order,

TH. H BELT, *Clerk.*

Saturday, March 31, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, P. Moore, Esq., President, and all the members except Mr. Inloes.

A resolution directing the Register to do a certain duty;

A resolution for filling up a sewer;

A report and resolution from the joint committee to whom was referred the report of the visitors and governors of the jail;

A report and resolution from the committee on markets;

A report and resolution on the petition of James Bacon and Patrick Carr;

A resolution for repaving part of Pratt street;

A report and resolution from the committee on rail roads;

A report and resolution from the committee on markets;

A resolution authorising the erection of a bridge across west Lexington street;

A resolution authorising the Mayor to borrow a certain sum of money; and

A resolution discharging the committee on Education from further considering a certain subject;

Were received from the First Branch, read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, so endorsed, and returned to the First Branch.

The report and resolution on the petition of the fire companies, was received from the first branch, and read a first, and by special order the second time.

Mr. Reaney proposed the following amendment: substitute "January" instead of "October"—concurred in, and the resolution as amended returned to the first branch.

A bill entitled An ordinance to regulate rail road cars within the city of Baltimore, was received from the First Branch, and read a first, and by special order the second time.

Mr. Beatty proposed the following amendment: strike out the amendment to the 4th section, and strike out the 5th section—concur-

red in, and the bill as amended passed and returned to the First Branch.

A bill entitled An ordinance relative to altering the grade of William, Johnson and Hughes streets, was received from the first branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time.

Mr. Moore proposed the following amendment:

Amendment proposed:

Strike out all after the title, and substitute the following:

Be it enacted and ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to make such alteration in the grade of William and Johnson streets from Montgomery street to their northern termination at York street, as in their opinion the public interest and convenience may require; and also in the grade of Hughes street, from Light street to Henry street: Provided the said Commissioners are satisfied that the persons asking for said alteration are the owners of the greater number of feet of ground fronting on said streets within the limits stated in their application, agreeably to an act of assembly passed 22d February, 1830, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act relating to the city of Baltimore, and approved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, 31st March, 1830. And provided further, that the application of Watchman & Bratt and others, presented at this session, be filed in the City Commissioners' office, and the alteration which may be made, be entered in the grade book of said commissioners.

The amendment was concurred in, and the bill as amended returned to the First Branch.

A bill entitled An ordinance to authorise the construction of certain rail ways within the city of Baltimore, was received from the first branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time.

Mr. Stouffer proposed the following amendments.

Amendments proposed:

After the title of the bill insert the following preamble.

Whereas, it has always been the intention of this corporntion to provide for the distribution of the trade coming upon the rail roads throughout the whole of the city as improved, so far as it may be practicable; and whereas, the legislature have authorised and directed the Mayor and City Council to provide for the construction of rail ways throughout the city; and whereas, the Baltimore & Ohio rail road company have, through their President, expressed their disposition to "give every reasonable facility in their power to the extension of the trade of the Baltimore and Ohio rail road, along any line of branch rail way, which the city may authorise to be connected with their main stem, provided that such rail ways be so constructed as to afford the same economy and facility for travelling as the main line of the road, and in

such manner as not to occasion additional cost or inconvenience to the company."

And at the end of the 1st section, add, "or from Pratt street along Light street wharf to Lee street."

Mr. Beatty proposed the following.

In the 4th section, 11th line, before the word "cost," insert damages and".

These amendments were severally concurred in, and the bill as amended was returned to the first branch, endorsed will pass with the proposed amendments.

A bill entitled An ordinance to approve and carry into effect an act of assembly relative to Bottle alley, was received from the first branch, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, passed, and returned to the first branch.

A bill entitled An ordinance relative to dogs was received from the first branch, read a first, and by special order the second time, endorsed will not pass, and returned to the first branch.

A resolution for a committee on Education;

A resolution authorising the City Commissioners to repave part of Lerew's alley;

A resolution relative to quarantine;

A resolution making appropriations for the purposes therein specified;

A report and resolution for repaving part of Baltimore street east;

And a report and resolution from the committee on Markets;

Were received from the first branch, read a first, and by special order the second time, dissented from, and returned to the first branch.

On motion of Mr. Lucas, a message was sent to the First Branch, proposing that when the City Council adjourn this evening, they adjourn to Friday next—The first branch assented.

On motion the branch then adjourned until half past 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon.

By order,

TH. H BELT, *Clerk.*

Friday, April 6, 1832.

Second Branch.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, B. Schæffer, Esq., President, pro tem. and all the members except Messrs. P. Moore and Sewell.

The bill entitled, An ordinance authorising the sale of the old Alms House property was this day handed to the Mayor for approval.

Mr. Moore submitted the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

RESOLVED unanimously, by the Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, That the thanks of this Branch be presented to Philip Moore, Esq. president thereof, for the impartial and satisfactory manner in which he has discharged his duties as presiding officer of the Branch; and that Messrs. Moore and Reaney be a committee to communicate the sentiments of this Branch to him.

A resolution on the petition of Wm. Patterson was received from the First Branch, read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in and returned to the First Branch.

A resolution relative to shutting up Liberty street was received from the First Branch, which was read a first and by special order the second time. Mr. Moore proposed that it should be referred to the next annual session—determined in the negative—the resolution was then concurred in and returned to the First Branch.

A resolution discharging the committee on Streets from further considering the petition of Francis Barker and others;

A report and resolution from the committee on the Harbour; and

A resolution making an appropriation relative to dogs, were received from the First Branch, read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in and returned to the First Branch.

A bill entitled, A supplement to an ordinance entitled, An ordinance to authorise the construction of certain rail ways, was received from the First Branch, read a first and by special order the second time. Mr. Moore proposed the following amendment: in the 14th line strike out "slope," and substitute "lay"—concurred in, and the bill passed as amended, and returned to the First Branch.

A message was sent to the First Branch on motion by Mr. Grafton, proposing the appointment of a joint committee to wait upon the Mayor to enquire if he has any further communication to make to the Councils, as they are about to adjourn sine die.

Mr. Grafton was placed by the chair on said committee.

The First Branch assented, and appointed Messrs. Ridgely and Russell.

The following communication was received from the Mayor and read.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
APRIL 6th, 1832.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch of the City Council—

I have approved and signed, "A resolution in favour of the Female Orphan Asylum," and a bill entitled, "An ordinance authorising the sale of the old Alms House property."

Respectfully yours, &c.

WM. STEUART, Mayor.

A resolution for erecting a bridge across Lexington street was received from the First Branch, read a first and by special order the second time.

Mr. Moore proposed the following amendment: strike out the three last lines, and insert the following:

Resolved, &c.—That the resolution, No. 91, passed 31st March, 1832, be and the same is hereby repealed.

The above amendment was concurred in, and the resolution so endorsed and returned to the First Branch.

A bill entitled, An ordinance to authorise a change in the grade of Calvert street was received from the First Branch, read a first and by special order the second time, passed and returned to the First Branch.

A resolution discharging the committee on Streets from certain duties assigned them was received from the First Branch, read a first and by special order the second time, dissented from and returned to the First Branch.

A message was received from the First Branch proposing that the Presidents of the two Branches have authority to sign the engrossed bills, and hand them to the Mayor after the adjournment of the Councils sine die. This Branch assented.

A message was sent to the First Branch proposing that when the City Council adjourn this evening they adjourn sine die. The First Branch assented.

The Branch then adjourned *sine die*, having received a verbal report from Mr. Grafton, that the Mayor had no further communication to make.

By order,

TH. H BELT, *Clerk.*

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